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The Shortest Day Winter Solstice

The first day of winter will be here sooner than it has in 116 years. The official start of winter is at the Winter Solstice, which is the precise time that the sun is farthest south. For us, that will be 7:12 a.m., Friday, Dec. 21. The declination of the sun on the winter solstice is known as the tropic of capricorn. Next Friday will also be the shortest day of the year.

Seniors plan holiday luncheon for Friday

Crittenden County Senior Center will host its annual Christmas luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Friday. Reservations are requested and donations will be accepted at the door. The senior center will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the day after Christmas. It will also be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Fohs Hall hosts annual meeting

Fohs Hall, Inc., will hold its annual meeting at 4:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14 at Fohs Hall. Officers will be elected for the coming year, the financial report will be discussed and goals for 2013 will be explored.

270 area code gets three digits

A new area code will be included in the 270 area forcing dialers to use the complete 10-digit number when dialing locally starting in 2014. See page 5.

Meetings & More

- ✓ Test time has changed for driver's license written testing Friday at the Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk's office. The written test will be administered from 1 to 2 p.m. Road testing times are unchanged.
- ✓ Crittenden County Courthouse will be closed Tuesday for Christmas. The Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed Dec. 22-26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Most other public offices will be closed Tuesday, too.
- ✓ The Crittenden Press office will close at noon Monday and be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday next week as we observe the birth of Jesus Christ.

ON THE WEB Press Online Poll

This week's Web poll at The Press Online asked readers to answer the following question: "How can we begin to prevent school shootings?"

Here is what 154 respondents said:

- Armed guards 48 (31%)
- Tighter building security 76 (49%)
- Weapons ban 9 (5%)
- Early ID of potential perpetrators 21 (13%)

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Two locals caught in area drug bust

STAFF REPORT

A major western Kentucky drug bust has led to the arrest of two Marion residents.

Barry K. Beard, 42, and his daughter, Brittany N. Beard, 18, both of Tom Miner Road were arrested about 4 a.m., Saturday during a joint investigation between various western Kentucky sheriff's departments, Kentucky State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF).

Barry Beard was charged with firearm-enhanced trafficking of methamphetamine, possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment with more charges following, investigators said. He remains lodged without bond in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Brittany Beard was charged with



Barry Beard



Brittany Beard

complicity to trafficking methamphetamine, three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. She has been released on a \$5,000 cash bond.

The investigation started in Paducah Friday night, moved to Calvert City and then to Marion after midnight, according to information from

the McCracken County Sheriff's Department in Paducah.

Kentucky State Police and ATF agents arrested the Beards at their home in rural Crittenden County where detectives seized approximately 715 grams of methamphetamine allegedly packaged for sale and worth an estimated \$71,500. Officers also found a loaded AR-15 .223 caliber rifle and about \$19,000 cash. Police said three small children, including an infant, were at the Beard residence and the rifle and drugs were located in areas easily accessible by the children, which resulted in the felony wanton endangerment charges. Investigators believe the weapon was registered to Brittany Beard, but that has not been confirmed. Officers think she had been providing transportation for her father's trafficking business because he does not have a valid driver's li-



This McCracken County Sheriff's Department photograph shows items seized during the raid. The cash, some of the drugs and the rifle were seized in Crittenden County.

cense.
Jesse Riddle, a detective with the McCracken County Sheriff's Depart-

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School is not so normal heading into Christmas

Volunteers sought for male sentinels at local elementary

STAFF REPORT

A strong show of support – and force – greeted Crittenden County Elementary School students who returned to class Monday morning following perhaps the worst school-related tragedy in history Friday in Connecticut.

Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough and administrators Al Starnes and Vince Clark were among staff members standing in front of the elementary school on the first day back following news of the New England school shooting.

Additionally, men who have volunteered for the new CCES Watch Dogs program were standing like sentinels of strength as parents – certainly more acutely aware of the potential for lurking evil – dropped off their youngsters for the last days of school leading up to the Christmas holiday.

The holiday break starts today and runs through Jan. 3 when students go back to

school.

Dr. Johnny Newcom, a local chiropractor who helped start the Watch Dogs program at the elementary school, says the violence seen last week is precisely why he and school administrators support a stronger, more visible show of strength at the school.

Teachers are almost exclusively women at CCES. A few weeks ago, Newcom and Principal Melissa Tabor developed the Watch Dogs program, which aims to keep men at the school all day long.

Newcom was among those standing in front of the school on mornings early this week.

"Under the current circumstances, we need two 'dogs' in here every day," Newcom said, pointing out that men who help are known as watch dogs, which is based on a national campaign to make schools more secure. It was developed by the father of a student after a previous school shooting.

The watch dogs are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other male volunteers, some without any ties to students at the school, Newcom said. About 20 are currently participating in the program, but more are needed. Newcom is



Newcom



Yarbrough

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PHOTO BY JASON TRAVIS

Deer Creek Baptist Church featured a live Nativity this week leading up to the holiest of Christian holidays. Pictured depicting the birth of Jesus are (from left) Josh Brown as Joseph; Jessi Brewer as an angel; and Brenda McKinney as Mary. Deer Creek Church is located in rural Crittenden County near Sheridan on Ky. 297. The church Nativity will be on display again Sunday from 6-8 p.m.

Child support earns recognition

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson and the Crittenden County Child Support office have been recognized again this year for their outstanding work in identifying beneficiaries and collecting child support.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) announced the state's 20 top-performing child support contracting officials late last week. Crittenden County was ranked in the top five counties with 1,000 or fewer cases.

It is the fourth straight year that Crittenden's child support team has been recognized among the best in Kentucky.

Last fiscal year ending Sept. 30, Crittenden's agents collected more than \$1 million in child support.

The office is under the county attorney's oversight and its agents are Debbie Brown and Brenda Croft.

"In every county, our contractors are working hard for the families of their communities," said DIS Deputy Commissioner Steve Veno,

who leads the CSE. "In counties large and small, they continue to improve services so the children they serve get the financial support they are entitled to. We are so pleased to honor these top performers."

Contracting officials are ranked based on their paternity establishments, the establishment of child support orders, child support collections and arrearage (past-due) collections.

Rankings for the 2011-12 fiscal year were made based on number of active cases.

Local fisherman among those who believe new rules will be too strict

STAFF REPORT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District says it is finalizing plans to implement round-the-clock restricted access to hazardous waters immediately upstream and downstream of all Corps-owned locks and dams, flood control dams and multi-purpose dams on the Cumberland River and its adjoining tributaries. The Corps said in a news release is-

sued late last week that this action moves the Nashville District into full compliance with Corps regulations.

The primary impact of these proposed restrictions will be on anglers who tend to congregate near Barkley Dam at certain times of the year because of the excellent fishing opportunities those waters provide.

Fishermen and county leaders in the region have vowed to fight the proposal.

Bob Campbell, a Marion fisherman and former owner of Brushmaster Lure Company, says he, too, opposes further restrictions around the dam.

"While at certain times – like when

gates are open – these are dangerous waters, for most of the time they aren't so bad," Campbell said. "There are people who literally make their living on these waters."

The upper area of restriction includes one of Campbell's favorite places to fish for striped bass.

"I've fished there several times and safety rules have always been followed. Same for below (the dam) for sauger, striper, bass and catfish," Campbell explained.

Catfishing below the dam is a major attraction, drawing dozens of anglers at any given time.

"We just don't fish there when

gates are open and we always follow safety rules," Campbell said. "Further restrictions would close these fine waters, hurt fishermen and ultimately hurt the communities near the dam."

A public information meeting will be held in Paducah next month. The meeting will allow the public to respond to the proposed plans. Detailed information regarding time and place of the meeting will be provided to the public as soon as it is finalized.

The restricted areas will be the minimum area allowed according to

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Merry Christmas to our readers in Marion, Crittenden County and Beyond

Let us all remember why we celebrate: It's the birth of Jesus Christ

Satan cannot win this longstanding war

In 1492 B.C., Moses led the Children of Israel out of Egypt and Satan fought them every step of the way but he lost. In 1492 A.D., Columbus discovered America and Satan fought him every step of the way, but he lost. In 1892, the U.S. Supreme Court declared America was a Christian nation in the Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States. Satan has fought that all the way.

Satan and his human servants started with John Dewey the next year to influence schools to be social-change agents rather than to teach skills and knowledge.

This influence has dumbed down our curriculum and developed into a stranglehold by the National Education Association's union, whose goal is to socialize America and sanitize her of any Christian influence. It is bringing America into the Marx camp through a government school system and control of 98 percent of our universities.

Ever since the Pilgrims landed with their determination to bring Christianity to a pagan world, Satan has

Rev. Lucy Tedrick

Crittenden Press guest columnist

Religious Views



fought the Gospel of Jesus Christ as faithfully in this great land as He has from the beginning of time.

The atheistic forces in this country are always working to sanitize our world of any belief in God, and they are very vivid at Christmastime.

Atheists hate the terms Christian nation, In God We Trust and One Nation Under God and they hate the sight of the cross. They become livid when Christmas comes and they hear the words Merry Christmas.

The reason we see more and more of this is because most Americans do not have the Spirit of Christ in them, so they are easily led into a secular life which always leads to no belief in God.

No belief in God will eventually lead to a loveless soci-

ety full of anger, hate, love of self and full of crime, murder, rape, lying and stealing because people will place no value on human life.

When life becomes so cheap, and people believe they can do anything they want without any unpleasant consequences, anarchy develops which always leads to dictatorship.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a Russian dissident, was thrown into the Soviet Union Gulag labor camp for 11 years, tortured and starved.

When he was released, Solzhenitsyn came to America to warn us of the communist threat that was at work here and to educate us on the horrors of its reality. He was given the Nobel Prize for Literature.

He gave us this piece of wisdom and much much more in his two volumes "The Gulag Archipelago" translated into English in 1975 of which I have in my library. Both volumes of almost 1,300 pages tell of the inhumane horrors tens of thousands endured and of the millions Stalin had executed.

In it, Solzhenitsyn writes,

"I call upon America to be more careful with its trust... Prevent those who are attempting to establish even finer legal shades of equality, because of their distorted outlook, short-sightedness and self-interests – from falsely using the struggle for peace and for social justice to lead you down a false road.

"They are trying to weaken you; they are trying to disarm your strong and magnificent country in the face of this fearful threat – one that has never been seen before in the history of the world.

"I call upon you, ordinary working men of America, do not let yourselves become weak."

He added, "If we don't know our own history, we will simply have to endure all the same mistakes, sacrifices, and absurdities all over again."

If every American would read what godless communism (socialism) does to people's lives and freedoms, they would never have accepted so many of the laws that have been put on our books. They would rise up against the efforts of the god-

less atheists who fight day and night to make us a godless nation where hate, crime and evil prevail. We are too blind to see it and many of our politicians fall in lockstep with them and many of the politicians claim to be Christian.

Every godless nation in history has disappeared under the dirt, and all who follow will suffer the same fate.

Why do you think American textbooks do not have our American history in them?

From Washington, we constantly hear that we must spread the wealth. We must have equality regardless of whether we all try to do well or not. We must have social justice, and all who have more than any other must share what they have regardless of whether they work or not. That is the trademark of godless Communism.

This appeals to those who don't try to get ahead and do better for themselves and their families. The Bible says, "If they don't work, neither should they eat." 2nd Thess. 3:10.

The socialist political philosophy attracts more voters and therefore solidifies their leaders' political power and their political position. Problem is, dictatorship follows either by one person or one party.

If America does not come back to the God who made her great she will pass into the dust bins of history with the footnote, "A once great nation."

Satan's minions may succeed in destroying America but the war on Jesus Christ and His Church is a war he can't win. I've read The Book and its author said, "I will build My church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." God also said, "The earth shall pass away and the works therein, but My Word shall abide forever."

I've cast my lot with Him.

Rev. Tedrick is a Marion minister. She shares her views weekly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.

Remember: We're all in it together

Death spiral. Hellhole. Both ominous terms, particularly as we live out our final moments before Friday's Apocalyptic event called for by the Mayan calendar. But that's how Forbes.com, the online version of the popular business magazine, describes Kentucky – one of 11 fiscal hellholes headed in a death spiral because more people are taking from the government than are putting in.

Whether overspending on the public payroll or doling out entitlements like communion wafers at an-end-of-the-world church service, Frankfort is upside down, requiring 105 tax-paying Kentuckians to support 100 of their fellow residents, or so reports Forbes. On the upside, there were states in much worse fiscal condition, according to the report.

There's more good news for Kentuckians, too.

Per 24/7 Wall St.'s second-ever nationwide assessment, the Bluegrass State has progressed from the worst run state in 2011 to only the seventh-worst in this year's rating. The online financial news and opinion corporation gave Kentucky a AA-credit rat-

Daryl K. Tabor

Guest Columnist



ing, which means nothing to me other than it was the fourth worst in the nation. We are also among the top five states in poverty rate and bottom five for median income – the mid-point between the fattest paychecks and the skimpiest. Apparently, in the commonwealth, wealth is not so common.

If each Kentuckian, even those slacking newborns who refuse to look for work, sent a \$3,107 check to the state treasury toward the state debt, so says 24/7 Wall St., even the most ardent accountant would be pleased with the resulting balance sheet. So that big Christmas bonus... yeah, just go ahead and forward that on to Frankfort before lawmakers converge on the capitol in a couple of weeks. Remember, it's the season for giving.

That's just the problem,

however. There's too much giving going on off the backs of those fortunate enough to have had work over the last few economically-depressed years. Right about now, some on the left are boiling, suggesting I advocate pushing granny off the cliff and leaving the laid-off worker out to shiver in the chilled winter air. Meantime, a few on the right are saying something like, "Amen. I'm tired of my money going to help some lazy bum."

But Granny's not going anywhere. In fact, slip her another gingerbread man past the dietitian; we'll even joyfully pay for an extra dose of insulin so she can enjoy the spoils of the holidays. To the unemployed, quit standing out in the cold. Come on in and warm yourself by the fire. And you moms trying to support three young'uns chirping away for their next meal on only part-time income and no help from a deadbeat dad, you can have an entire cookie sheet of gingerbread men to feed the family. However, you might want to be a little more selective with your next man.

We fiscal conservatives are not scrooges, merely more considerate stewards

of taxpayer dollars. We understand that the economy, if a plant, would still be withered and drooping. We know that there are people in Kentucky in true need of public subsidies. We are not heartless. We are not bean counters. And we are not all Republicans. What we are is tired – tired of handouts to those undeserving and tired of wasteful spending to prop up public employees who spend a significant portion of their day tweeting.

No one in Kentucky wants to be in a death spiral or live in a hellhole. No one wants to live in the 44th worst run state. But quite simply, government from D.C. down to each state-house has become irresponsible – on both the left and right – loosening their grip on money when their fists should be clinched even tighter.

This is in no way an indictment of our own current or outgoing lawmakers in Frankfort who have seen the true needs in every corner of their respective districts and tried to make life a little better for those people. But when you run with the gang from the wrong side of the tracks, fingers may be pointed your way,

even if undeserved. And unfortunately, those on the "good" side of the tracks doing the pointing are willing to do little more than just that – point and shout.

Government is a complex beast. It's a guard dog, a herder, a show dog and a service animal. Its handlers rarely set out to let it dig up the neighbor's lawn or leave unwanted presents in the flowerbed. But with so many handlers, the beast is bound to get a little misdirected from the din of instructions all being shouted at the same time.

This government of the people, for the people, is also by the people, meaning lawmakers and their constituents are each responsible for civil discourse to resolve a burgeoning fiscal problem. So if Friday does not bring Armageddon and we don't fall off the fiscal cliff soon thereafter, remember, we're all in this together. Reform does not live or die at the ballot box.

Daryl K. Tabor is a former Press editor. He currently lives in Henderson and is a periodic contributor to The Press.

Letter to the Editor

Mapleview Cemetery group seeks more donations to operate

To the Editor:

Like many non-profit organizations, the Marion Cemetery Board of Directors has had the difficult task of performing routine maintenance in a time of decreased revenue. While costs of mowing, tree trimming and tree removal have increased over the last decade, the interest income from the association's perpetual care investments have decreased. There is a plan in place to develop the property north of the cemetery to continue to have lots available for purchase for the future of Mapleview Cemetery. This property was purchased several years ago but has yet to be developed as part of the cemetery.

The cemetery board generates income for the following sources: Interest income on its perpetual care investments, lot sales (of which half is invested in the perpetual care fund), donations, and rent for the crop land that will be developed into grave spaces. From May 2010 to May 2011 the cemetery had income of \$13,839.21 from these sources while the expenses were \$15,894.00. From May 2011 to May 2012 the in-

come was \$24,056.90 with the expenses of \$18,290.

We anticipate the perpetual care investments to generate quite a bit less over the next few years because of the decrease in interest rates as these investments come up for renewal. We also anticipate the rent from the cropland this year to be very minimal if anything. As you can see the potential shortfall over the next few years could be significant for general maintenance, let alone the much needed future development.

In an effort to increase the general fund for future maintenance and development, the board is asking for donations from families who have interest in the cemetery. These donations will be tax deductible. We also ask that you consider making donations, both now and in the future, in memory or in honor of someone. Those donations will be acknowledged to the person or family. Another way to help with future cemetery expenses is to consider making a bequeath through your will.

Your donation can be mailed to Marion Cemetery Association, c/o Dianne Newcom, 110 Hart St., Marion, KY 42064. If you have any questions please feel free to call these board members: Bill Fox at 965-3306 or Ricky Brown at 965-5203

Bill Fox
Cemetery Assoc. president
Marion, Ky.

Unite to Read program was another big hit; thanks to everyone

To the Editor:

We would like to thank all of the people who made our annual Unite to Read program a success. We would also like to take this time to thank our sponsors who were Conrad's, Food Giant, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Crosswalk Learning Center, Serena Dickerson with Full Body Fitness, Jeremy Wheeler, Holly White, Crittenden County Public Library, Missy Myers with Adult Education and all the members who chose to participate in with following clubs: FBLA, FCCLA, FEA and FFA.

The children enjoyed making snacks and crafts while going on a jungle adventure through the jungle-themed obstacle course. They also learned about forestry and hopefully they will plant their new trees this spring.

We are already planning and looking forward to next year. See you there!

Amy Hardin
Marion, Ky.

Letters to the Editor

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Stevens to retire as Crittenden Schools Food Service Director

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

After 30 years of dedicated service to Crittenden County Schools, Food Services Director Janet Stevens will retire at the end of this year.

When Stevens applied for the position of Food Services Director, she said the application process required being interviewed by a team of individuals.

"Whenever I went for my interview, I had eight people around that table interviewing me," Stevens recalls. "I was scared to death."

Stevens said she will always feel gratitude to former school board member Don Travis who spoke of her hard work ethic. Travis was foreman at Potter and Brumfield where Stevens worked 20 years prior to joining the school system in August of 1982.

"When my children were born, I wanted to be home in the summer with them and that's when I applied for this job. I've stayed with it all these years," she said.

As an administrator, Stevens has been involved in all areas of the food service program.

That includes working with commodities, meeting food safety regulations and guidelines, maintaining federal and state records, coordinating with food service managers at each of the district's schools, preparing

menus and writing reports to the board of education. The work day starts early for Stevens. Each morning she arrives at 6 a.m. and is available to assist as needed in a school cafeteria.

"If there was an emergency and somebody couldn't get to work, I could go in the kitchen and help them get the breakfast," she said.

Stevens gives much credit to the food service employees at each school for their hard work and dedication to their jobs.

"I appreciate them," Stevens said. "I couldn't do my job without their support."

Stevens said school breakfasts and lunches are important meals for students and she is concerned with new regulations that place a maximum amount on calories per serving.

"We have a lot of children in this district where this is the two main meals they receive. And when you are restricted on the number of calories you can give them, that hurts. Because we have children who need it," she said.



Stevens

Over the years Stevens has seen many colleagues come and go throughout the district. One constant has been the students and the importance of planning nutritious meals for each school.

Crittenden County Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said Stevens will be missed.

"It is rare that a school district has such a high quality individual with such a strong commitment to Crittenden County students, faculty and families. Janet Stevens has demonstrated these qualities for over 30 years as the food service director. Her positive contributions to the school district will be missed."

A native of Crittenden County, Stevens resides in Crayne with her husband C.W. They have two children, Clay and Casey; and five grandchildren, Clay, Chase, Jacob, Jaden and Sydney.

"I love my job. I am not leaving because there is anything wrong with my job. But it's time someone else learned it," she said. "I'll probably spend as much time as I probably can with my grandchildren. My husband and I just want some time to do things together. I've been blessed. I have a fantastic husband. He is a jewel."

Community Christmas brightens the holiday season for children

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Resembling Santa's toy shop, the Carson B. Davidson National Guard Armory was filled with puzzles, stuffed animals and a variety of other toys and games during distribution day held last Friday for Community Christmas. For 38 years Community Christmas has provided assistance to local individuals and families who come to the armory at an appointed time to receive gift baskets filled with the wish lists of children.

Younger children weren't the only ones to receive gifts. Older children ages 13 to 17 received gift vouchers that can be spent at participating local businesses.

Parents can either use the vouchers to buy gifts or they can choose to let the voucher be their child's gift they open on Christmas morning.

Organizer Nancy Hunt said all of the teen vouchers are to be used at local stores who participate in the program.

"We feel strongly that the donations come from local individuals so it needs to be spent at county businesses," she said.

Community Christmas is coordinated by the Inter-Agency Council whose officers are Mona Manley, president; Lynda Dennis, vice-president; Nancy Hunt, secretary and treasurer Paja Crider.

Hunt said as of Dec. 13, they had received \$16,263 in donations.

From the donations, organizers were able to provide \$75 gift vouchers for 50



Lynda Dennis (above) organizes toys during set up day on Dec. 13 while Larry Wright (right) of Invensys also helps distributes presents for Community Christmas recipients.



teens. They also were able to provide \$20 food vouchers for 475 individuals and \$30 vouchers to 59 adults.

In addition to the 535 people who signed up in October, Hunt said organizers were able to assist nine adults and 20 children who came at noon on distribution day needing assistance.

Volunteers assisting at the armory for set up included employees from Invensys, 4-H members, school district employees, Extension Service, Head Start, Homemakers and other members from the community.

Volunteers on distribution day included Marion Baptist Church, school dis-

trict members and board of office employees, Head Start, Extension Homemakers, Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Farmers Bank, PACS office, Crittenden County Food Bank, Extension Office and other individuals.

Hunt said Community Christmas organizers appreciate those individuals who both volunteered their time and donated to Community Christmas.

Show off your new...
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in our
Babies of 2012
special section



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and
Happy New Year**



Seated left to right: Janey Hill, Melissa Agent, Terry Bunnell, Michelle Minton, Staci Belt
Standing: Becky McKinzie, Barbara Browning, Tammy Wallace, Heather Chaney, JoAnn McClure, Madison Qualls, Misty Tinsley

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Area News and Information

Caldwell residents plead guilty to spotlighting deer

Four people from Caldwell County pleaded guilty last week in Crittenden District Court to spotlighting deer.

Crittenden County Conservation Officer Randy Conway charged three men and one woman on Nov. 24 after observing them casting rays of a spotlight into a field in the northeast part of the county.

Conway was on routine patrol about 10:40 p.m., when he witnessed the spotlighters. Charged were Joseph M. Medina, Whitney R. Lantrip, Cody A. White and Sebastian N. Hughes. Each was fined \$150 for spotlighting and \$100 for illegally pursuing wildlife, plus court costs. The fines and costs amounted to over \$400 apiece. Special District Judge Robert Soder also ordered Lantrip to forfeit to the court a .22-caliber Savage semi-automatic rifle and a Black and Decker rechargeable spotlight.

COLD CASE: Authorities still looking for car involved in wreck

It has been just over two years since an unknown driver forced an elderly Marion man off the highway, causing an accident and injuries from which the elderly man later died.

Local authorities say a handful of leads led nowhere following a wreck that led to the death of 78-year-old Willard L. Oliver on Oct. 5, 2010.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said clues back then were few, but his department followed up on each one of them. The case remains open and anyone with information can call 965-3400.

At the time, a witness said it was a man was driving a gray Ford Focus that allegedly caused the automobile accident on U.S. 60 East 11 miles from Marion near the intersection of Blackford Church Road. Later, it was determined that the make of the car may have been something different. It was, however, gray. The time was about 5:30 p.m., when the gray car was passing two other vehicles on a straight stretch of the highway when it allegedly forced off the road a 1997 Ford Ranger driven by Oliver.

Oliver's car left the highway and crashed into a ditch. Oliver suffered head and neck injuries and died four days later at an Indiana hospital.

The driver of the gray car was believed to have been a middle aged man. After allegedly causing the wreck, the driver of the gray car stopped briefly, but then left the scene heading toward Sturgis.

Gun store opens on Main Street

There's a new gun store on Main Street across from the courthouse. Bill and Kory Wheeler have opened Tactical Arms in a family-owned building (formerly a beauty salon and before that Marion Tot and Teen).

The retailer will carry a wide line of guns, ammunition and shooting and hunting accessories. Inventory will include hunting firearms and tactical weapons.

The Wheelers have also owned and operated restaurants in Marion since 1999. They currently own The Front Porch.

Grand jury indicts 8

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted six individuals last week and opened two other sealed indictments from last month.

Grand juries do not determine innocence or guilt. Instead, they decided whether enough evidence exists to send a felony case to circuit court. Those indicted or opened last week were:

- Steven Spurlin, 24, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or more units) by complicity; second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or more units) by complicity; and possession of marijuana. Accord-

ing to court records, Spurlin was charged by Deputy Greg Rushing with selling Percocets and Lortabs on Aug. 25.

- Cody Hackney, 20, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or more units) by complicity and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (10 or more units) by complicity. According to court records, Spurlin was charged by Deputy Greg Rushing with selling Percocets and Lortabs on Aug. 25.
- Sammy Gipson, 49, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense (less than two grams methamphetamine); first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second offense (greater than two grams methamphetamine); possession of drug paraphernalia; and first-degree criminal abuse (child under 12). Court records say that Gipson sold meth to a cooperating witness on Nov. 1. The investigation also uncovered an alleged meth pipe, which the complaint says was used in front of a small child and then left in a place where the child could have gotten it.
- Rudy York, 64, of Marion was indicted on charges of operating an ATV on a public roadway; possession of marijuana; trafficking in marijuana, more than eight ounces but less than five pounds; and possession of drug paraphernalia. York was arrested after Deputy Rushing and Det. Robbie Kirk of the Pennyrile Area Narcotics Task Force stopped his ATV on a rural road near Shady Grove on Oct. 6. The police report says an orange plastic tote on the ATV was full of alleged marijuana. Later, a search of York's residence uncovered what police said appeared to be a growing operation in his pump house.
- Michael S. Doom, 42, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (opana), a schedule II narcotic; and possession of prescription medicine not in its original container. Court records say the defendant was taken to Crittenden Hospital by ambulance on Oct. 5. When arriving at the hospital, he removed his shirt and several pills fell onto the floor. Eight were opana, the complaint says, and others were medications for which he had a prescription, but they were not in the proper container as state law requires. Doom did not have a prescription for the opana, court records said.
- Dorothy Powell, 55, of Dixon was indicted on a charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth). According to court records, Powell was acting as a cooperating witness on Nov. 1 and made a drug buy for police, but kept an amount of the drug for herself.
- Matthew H. Harris, 21, of Smithland was indicted on a charge of theft by unlawful taking. Court records allege that Harris entered the home of a relative on Oct. 15 in Crittenden County and took firearms from a gun safe without permission.
- Joshua Jones, 24, of Marion was indicted on a felony count of flagrant non-support for failing to pay \$1,130 in child support.

Judge imposes prison on two; 2 get probation

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Rene Williams sentenced a Marion woman to five years in prison last Thursday after the woman pleaded guilty to three felony charges.

Danielle C. Davis, 23, pleaded guilty to charges of second-degree burglary by complicity and two counts of second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

She was arrested in August after items believed taken during a burglary were found at her home and the home of two juveniles, who were allegedly involved in the case. Marion Police Department investigated the case.

Davis was sentenced to five years on each of the charges with the time to run concurrently. Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell opposed probation for Davis.

What's Going Around

The flu has hit full force. We are seeing both type A and type B. Reported symptoms are high fever, chills, body aches, sore throat, and cough. It is important to stay in and away from others if you think you have the flu. Drink lots of fluids and get plenty of rest. Other reported illnesses are strep throat, bronchitis and a stomach virus. As always practice good hand hygiene and visit your health care provider if your symptoms worsen or persist.



Jill Croft, APRN
Crittenden Health Systems

In other circuit court action last week, Brian Lynn Prater, 27, of Marion pleaded guilty to charges of fourth-degree assault, domestic violence; alcohol intoxication and an amended charge of second-degree fleeing or evading police. The fleeing charge was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor in exchange for the plea.

Police records indicate that on July 7 they were summoned to a residence in town where Prater had allegedly assaulted his girlfriend. Police say Prater fled the scene, hid in a tree and was later found drunk riding a bicycle away from the area.

Prater was sentenced to 12 months on the fleeing charge and 12 months on the assault charge. He was credited for time served and the balance was probated for two years.

Facing a probation violation in Mississippi, Prater has waived extradition and will be taken back to that state to face that charge.

During formal sentencing phase of a burglary case, Judge Williams imposed the jury-recommended 20-year prison sentence on Chris Hill, 36, of Marion. Last month, a circuit court jury found Hill guilty of burglary and for being a persistent felony offender.

Hill was accused of taking a large, flat-screen television from a Marion residence along with co-defendant Chase Bingham, who had previously pleaded guilty to the crime.

Hill's sister pleaded for the court's mercy last week, saying she was certain her brother wasn't involved in stealing the TV. She said he has two young children and she didn't think he would jeopardize his freedom to be with them over a television. She also questioned the fairness of the jury's racial makeup because there were no African Americans on the panel. Hill is black. Jeniffer Hill asked Judge Williams why there wasn't a change of venue in the case.

Judge Williams said a change of venue motion was never made by Hill's defense attorney.

Judge Williams told Hill and his family, several of whom were in the courtroom, that his defense counsel has 30 days to file a notice of intent to appeal the verdict.

The court offered Hill no opportunity for probation.

In another case, Judge Williams granted probation to Joshua Jones who pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support. Jones was sentenced to five years and granted probation.

New area code

A new 364 area code will occupy the same geographic area of western Kentucky as the current area code 270, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) announced Monday.

The PSC said the overlay option is the least disruptive for all customers and imposes the smallest cost on businesses in the area. This is the first area code in Kentucky created by an overlay. Area code 270 was created in 1999 by splitting area code 502.

"This decision means that everyone who now has an area code 270 phone number can keep that number," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said. "The only thing that will change is that 10-digit dialing will be required for local calls beginning in early 2014."

Ten-digit dialing means that an area code must precede the seven-digit phone number for all local calls within the current area code 270 territory. Long-distance calls within area code 270 will require 11-digit (1 plus area code plus number) dialing, like any long-distance call to outside the area. Ten-digit dialing also will be required for all calls where local calling areas span the bound-

ary between area code 270 and adjoining area codes.

With more than a year until final implementation, there will be ample time for a smooth transition that will allow everyone to become familiar with the new dialing rules, Armstrong said.

The PSC noted in its order that public comments received in the case overwhelmingly favored an overlay. The other option was to split area code 270 and designate a portion as area code 364, with both landline and wireless customers in the affected portion required to change their area code as a result.

"Public opinion has shifted dramatically in the six years since the PSC last considered this matter," Armstrong said. "It appears that the public is much less concerned about 10-digit dialing than about the possibility of having to change phone numbers."

Comments from the business community noted that a split would force businesses in the area receiving the new area code to change printed materials, signage and anything else bearing their phone number, the PSC said in its order.

In selecting an overlay, the PSC noted that it has become the preferred method for creating new area codes. Overlays pose the fewest technical issues for implementation by an increasing complex telecommunication industry, the PSC said.

Overlays have been used for all but one (in New Mexico) of the last 24 area codes created nationwide, the PSC noted in the order.

For example, the West Virginia Public Service Commission in 2008 at first opted to split the state's sole area code. But opposition from the public – especially the business community – forced it to reverse course a month later and create a statewide overlay.

The Kentucky PSC was formally notified in April of the need for a new area code by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the agency that distributes blocks of phone numbers to

providers and tracks number exhaustion in area codes.

NANPA originally said a new area code would be needed in early 2015, but later revised that projection to early 2014.

"The need for a new area code is driven largely by demand for new numbers associated with wireless devices, but also is suggestive of increasing economic activity," PSC Chairman Armstrong said. "As such, it is a positive development."

The PSC opened the area code case in August. Public information sessions were conducted in October in Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Glasgow, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Owensboro and Paducah. PSC staff also spoke to civic or business organizations in Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Murray.

Today's PSC order sets an implementation schedule for the overlay that extends over the next 13 months. Telecommunication providers are ordered to begin preparing their networks for the change no later than Feb. 2, 2013.

Landline and wireless local service providers also are required to prepare customer education plans, submit them to the PSC by mid-February and begin implementing those plans in February as well.

A permissive dialing period will begin on Aug. 3, 2013. During that time, calls may be made using either the current seven-digit dialing rules or the new 10-digit dialing rules.

The permissive dialing period is intended both as a transition period to the new dialing patterns and as an opportunity for private telephone systems to be reprogrammed and tested in preparation for mandatory 10-digit dialing.

Mandatory 10-digit dialing will go into effect on Feb. 1, 2014. At that point, calls using the current dialing rules will no longer be connected.

The first numbers using area code 364 may be assigned beginning March 3, 2014. Area code 270 numbers can be assigned after that date, but their availability will depend on how many remain in the inventory of each individual service provider.

In addition to the education programs required of the service providers, the PSC also will work to educate customers about the new area code and what it will mean for them.

PSC staff will be available to make presentations to local governments, chambers of commerce, civic groups and other organizations. To schedule a presentation, contact Andrew Melnykovych, public information officer for the PSC.

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INCOME PROPERTY - 3 apt bldg. There are 3 1 bdr, 1 bath apt. 2 presently rented & owner living in the other storage rm & approx. 4 acres. Great investment. \$59,500.00. **dt**

COUNTY LINE - Located on the Union/Crittenden line off Hwy. 60, 3 bdr, 2 bath double lot with a nice 24x24 garage. Nice quiet area. \$42,000.00. **bb**

CHERRY STREET - Cute 3 bdr, 1 bath home, utility rm, storage bldg & double lot. Good starter home or investment property. \$30,000.00 **gt**

COUNTRY SETTING - Nice 2 or 3 bdr brick home w/ lots of kitchen cabinets. Utility rm has several cabinets. All appliances stay. Central heat & air, back deck, storage bld & carport. Also 1.38 +/- acres. Priced to sell. **lm**

GREAT HOME, GREAT LOCATION - 2 bdr, 1 1/2 baths, nice kitchen, dining rm, family rm. This home is move in ready & sits on a nice big lot w/storage bldg. \$58,000.00 **js**

EVERYTHING YOU COULD WANT - This home has 4 bdr, 2 full baths, full walkout basement, 2 ponds for swimming or fishing, a 12x16 storage bldg & 22x44 workshop; a beautiful kitchen w/ new cabinets, new roof and appliances updates. This property is one of a kind, absolutely beautiful. This could be your dream home. Wait there's more... all sitting on 10+/- acres. Reduced to \$172,500.00. **rm**

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POPLAR STREET - This home is located in town, walking distance to banks, court house & restaurants. 4 bdr 1 1/2 baths, laundry rm & paved drive. Lots of shade trees on this nice big lot. Home is move in ready. \$59,000.00 **sp**

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PERFECT LOCATION - 2 bdr, 1 bath, large kitchen w/ lots of cabinets, dining rm & laundry rm. Nice storage bldg, 2 car garage on 3/4 acres. \$35,000.00. **df**

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WHO WE ARE



Jennifer Schenk

Jennifer Schenk hasn't checked off every item on her Christmas list just yet. Like most shoppers, Schenk said she still has many more presents to purchase.

"I haven't really started just yet. We normally wait until a couple of weeks before Christmas," she said last week.

An Eddyville resident, Schenk is the scan coordinator at Food Giant in Marion. Among her responsibili-

ties are to verify vendors, create signage and double check prices.

"I do a little bit of everything," she said. "My favorite part about my job is meeting new people."

She and her husband Josh have two children, Courtney and Tori. The family is looking forward to quality time together over the holidays. They also plan on spending time with relatives, baking treats and catching a re-run of the holiday clas-

sic "Christmas Vacation," starring Chevy Chase.

Aside from shopping and baking, Schenk thinks one of the most important parts of the holiday season is spending time with family. After the holidays and the balance of winter is complete, the family looks forward to warm-weather outdoor activities such as softball and golfing.

"My hobbies are spending time

with my kids. We're members at the Calvert City Golf Course," she said. "I love it. It's really nice."

Who We Are is a regular feature in The Crittenden Press where individuals who live and work in the community are spotlighted. If you know of someone who'd make a good subject, drop us an email at thepress@the-press.com.



Belt 50th Anniversary

The children of Paul and Sharon Belt would like to invite you to their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception will be held from 5-7 p.m., Dec. 29 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Fellowship Hall in Marion.

The couple was married Dec. 29, 1962 and they have

three children, Cheryl Berry and husband James, Paul Belt and wife Maria and Kenny Belt and wife Melissa. They also have six grandchildren: Elliot, Sheena, Ashlee, James, Savannah and DJ; as well as five great-grandchildren: Emily, Lane, Chloe Myles and Joslynn.

Dataseam offers more opportunities for students

Crittenden County's Tonya Driver joined representatives from Dataseam Participating Partner school districts, universities and education organizations last week in Louisville to learn how to take full advantage of opportunities available to district students.

More than \$350,000 in education opportunities is available to students in participating school districts. Through a unique relationship with a Kentucky company, Dataseam, schools are leveraging scholarships to Morehead State University and the University of Louisville as well as attending state programs to develop their artistic talents and learn to create a business.

Since the program's beginning, Dataseam has brought over 17,000 computers to coal county school districts. The additional technology allows school districts in the coal counties to advance educational opportunities for their students in ways they

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Dataseam combines the processing power from these computers in 48 school districts into the largest computing grid of its kind to support research at the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center to develop life saving cancer treatment drugs. The Cancer Center has created the largest potential cancer drug pipeline in the United States.

The company also creates partnerships with the best educational institutions and programs in Kentucky to present opportunities for students.

Parents can learn more about the opportunities available to their children at www.kydataseam.com or by contacting their local school



Driver

Provide holiday cheer for the elderly in your life

The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy, but for some older adults, especially those living alone or in long-term care, holidays can be met with stress, confusion and feelings of sadness and loneliness, often intensified because holidays can be further reminders of the loss of loved ones, health and even independence. During this time of year, older adults can become isolated from their friends, family and community, leading to an increased risk of depression. There are several ways to make the holidays brighter and more tolerable, however.

One of the greatest gifts you can give an older adult is your time. Make it a point to talk with the older adults in your family, neighborhood and those living in long-term care. Listen to their stories, learn from them and try to put yourself in their shoes.

Include older relatives and friends in as much of your family's holiday celebration as possible. This may include taking the holiday celebration to them. Remind older adults why and how they are important to you and your entire family.

Invite your elderly neighbor over for some of your holiday celebrations, especially if they would otherwise spend the holidays alone.

Holiday cards can mean a lot to older adults, and with loss, it is not uncommon for cards to diminish in number with every passing year. For some older adults, mail is the only communication they receive from friends and family. Make an effort to send a card with an upbeat greeting and

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update about your life and family. Cards filled with bad news, such as updates on those who died or fell ill, can be upsetting and stressful. If an older adult needs help reading or writing a card, take time to sit with them.

Help older adults decorate for the holidays. Offer to help them hang lights, carry boxes and prepare the house. If they are in an assisted living facility or nursing home, make the holidays brighter by bringing favorite or meaningful decorations. If the person uses a wheelchair, or is confined to a bed, place the decorations in places that will be most visible to accommodate their needs.

Encourage older adults to attend holiday celebrations and events. Social activities and events to look forward to can be meaningful and can contribute to feelings of belonging and well-being. If an older adult typically throws his or her own party, you can help plan and carry out the event if need be. You may decide to throw a holiday party in honor of a special loved one just to let them know how much they mean to you and others. This can be an uplifting celebration and help keep the older adult connected with their friends and community.

Christmas angels of 2012



The Bishops – Allen, Angeline and Cat – wish family and friends in North Carolina, Michigan, Texas, Indiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky and Afghanistan a Merry Christmas.



Merry Christmas from Emalyn! Daughter of Nick and Kayla Flahardy Raber and granddaughter of Randy and Phyllis Flahardy.



Merry Christmas from Myles Harrison! Nephew of Randy and Phyllis Flahardy, great grandson of Robery and Bettye Harrison.



Merry Christmas 2012 to my family and friends. Love, LJ Ward.



This is Natalie's first Christmas. She wants to wish a very Merry Christmas to her Daddy, Gam and Papaw Tinsley, Grandma Travis, Great-grandpa and Grandma James, Memom, Papaw and Lala Travis, Auntie Ann and Uncle Matt and Uncle Justin, Aunt Stephanie and Emma. She loves you all very much.



Davis wishes a very Merry Christmas to his Meme and Poppy Joe, Grammy and Pa, the memaws, Uncle Jared and Aunt Ashley and Hannah and Karlee Jent.



Tip-top tappers

Students from Shawna's Studio showcase their tap skills in a recent performance during a Crittenden County Middle School basketball game. From left are Maggie Blazina, Brynn Porter, Emma Williams, Carly Towery, Marley McDowell and Delanie Smith.

Birth

Travis and Deonna McCord announce the birth of a daughter, London Annette, Nov. 22 at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

London weighed eight pounds, 11 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

Grandparents are Deon and Patricia Belt of Salem, Ray and Pat McCord of Newburgh, Ind., and Raymond and Sheila Russell of Salem.

London has one brother, Asa.

ThePressCALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 21
■ Christmas dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m., Friday at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center. Donations will be accepted at

the door. To make reservations, call 965-5229. The senior center will be closed Dec. 24-26 for Christmas and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 for New Year's

A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, phone calls, visits and gifts I received celebrating my 101st Birthday on this Earth. I have truly been blessed with wonderful family and friends. Thanks for the lovely birthday dinner hosted by my daughter on December 8 and attended by several family generations and friends.

I shall remain grateful for all my life experiences.

Anna Smith Collins
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Holiday Greetings



We wish you and yours the best holiday ever.

Phillis, Alan and Donald

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Thank You

The family of Carol Croft would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls, food and flowers during the illness and loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Dr. Burkhart and Joe for their endless effort to improve his condition and to the nurses at Crittenden Health Systems for being so caring and kind during our stay.

Another special thanks goes to Bro. Marty Brown and Bro. Herbert Alexander for their comforting words, Debbie Brown and Josh for the beautiful music and to the members of Deer Creek Baptist Church for all their prayers on our behalf and for the meal they provided. Our gratitude goes to the staff of Boyd Funeral Directors for their extra effort in making our loss a little lighter to bear.

Margaret Ann,
Carol Wayne, Pam & Colby
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Natalie Elizabeth Travis



Justin and Ami Travis of Marion announce the birth of a daughter, Natalie Elizabeth Travis, November 23, 2012. Natalie Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Eddie and Linda Tinsley of Marion. Paternal grandparents are Tammy Travis of Marion and Brett and LaDarra Travis of Kuttawa, KY. Paternal great-grandparents are Ray and Mary James of Marion and Norma Randolph of Kuttawa

Previous businesses tied to war years

From the archives of The Crittenden Press come two interesting stories of businesses that once operated in Marion.

April 20, 1951

A new industry for Marion

A new industry, not only to Marion, but new in the widest sense, is the only one of its kind in the United States.

Through the indefatigable and untiring efforts of our fellow townsman, Emmitt Rodgers, who has begun the manufacture of an article which is indispensable for the use of soldiers, sailors, marines, laundries, housewives and all other places where the marking of clothing and other articles is essential. The product is handled under the trade name of "MI-MARKER," which is protected by U. S. Patent laws, and is being sold throughout the country to Army posts and installations and many other distributors.

Rodgers has taken over the space in the Jenkins Building formerly occupied by the pool room, which has been thoroughly renovated and painted, and where he now has a force at work. Also, a number of Marion housewives are now engaged in assembling the various parts of the Marker in their home. (Tink Hinklin remembers when the company occupied the office space next to the dry cleaners on Carlisle Street. He said the MI stood for Military Identification-Markers).

Nov. 11, 1954

Four years ago, in November 1950, the Mi-Marker Company, located in the Jenkins Building in Marion, developed and perfected a laundry and clothes marking kit for members of the Army and Air Force. From a humble beginning, the firm has grown steadily, until today. About 20 people from the community are steadily employed.

Sales during the past 12 months have been over \$200,000. More than 150 Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine bases and installations in the United States are now offering Mi-Marker kits through their post exchanges. The kits are also handled through exchanges in Alaska, Panama, the South Sea Islands, Japan, Germany and France.

Kits are also made for camps and schools, or wherever there is a risk of confusing identification of clothing in a group.

The product has been developed into a handy, packaged kit enabling the user to make up his own rubber stamp for clearly identifying his clothing with his name or serial number. With the product, laundry and cleaning mix-ups are virtually eliminated, as the stamps and ink employed provide an unmistakable lasting identification.

Contained in each kit is a full set of assorted numbers and letters, from which the user makes up his own rubber stamps. The letters are affixed to a self-adhering convenient handle. A bottle of indelible ink, an ink pad and directions for use complete the kit.

Prior to the development of the product for use by servicemen, there were some 30 different companies marketing various types of clothing markers. All of these were inadequate, and did not meet military regulations and were frequently too expensive, selling for as high as \$2.50.

In December 1950, the Fort Campbell and Camp Breckenridge Post Exchanges each purchased 6,500 Mi-Marker kits, retailing them to servicemen at 75 cents each. The demand for the kits was great and before January of 1951, both exchanges reordered the units.



From the beginning, sales expanded to the present nation-wide and extensive foreign distribution coverage through post exchanges.

Continually to strive and improve their product, the Mi-Marker Company has recently adopted a modern two-tone plastic box for packaging each individual kit. These have replaced the former cardboard boxes that were used.

The ink pads and stamp handles on which the rubber letters are mounted were formerly shaped from wood. To improve their use in service, these parts are now molded in plastic.

The operation at the Marion Mi-Marker plant begins with the molding of raw rubber into the various sizes of letters and numbers that are used in the various types of kits manufactured.

In the molding process, a special raw rubber manufactured by B. F. Goodrich Co. is molded or cooked on an "Acroplate." Over 2,000 pounds of rubber are used each month.

The molded rubber lettered sheets are then perforated or sliced part way through the rubber by hand-operated knives. This permits the desired letters to be removed from the sheet easily by the user.

A given quantity of strips of letters or numbers are then packed, along with the stamp, ink pad and ink, into the plastic boxes. These in turn are packed in shipping cartons ready for shipment by truck or parcel post to the various post exchanges or other distributors.

The company was founded by Emmett Rodgers and Murray Rodgers of Paducah. Present management is under Emmett Rodgers, who has offered a standing invitation to visitors to stop in any time and view the operations of this thriving local industry. (The business later moved to the old Ford Garage on Main Street).

February 1954

A business that was built on a gardenia and a memory

By Mrs. Hattie Winn

In 1943, I visited my son, Lt. Harold Winn, who was stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga. The gardenias were in full bloom and I especially admired a large bush which grew near the officers' club. Harold picked three of the blooms from the bush and presented them to me. I cherished these blooms and brought them back to Marion with me. When I got home, I planted the gardenias. They grew and thrived and I was so proud of them. As I watched them grow, I thought of my happy visit to Harold. Little did I realize it would be my last visit to see him.

He went overseas in July 1944, where he was killed in action near St. Lo France. I was grief stricken;



The ad appearing in 1954 for the Military Identification (MI)-Marker kit (shown above); (at right) a Cottage Flower Shop ad that appeared in The Press in December 1949.

I felt as if my whole world had tumbled in. I was on the verge of insanity. I felt as if I had nothing left to live for. It wasn't fair to my family. That summer the little gardenia plants died from lack of care, but the memory of them lingered in my heart.

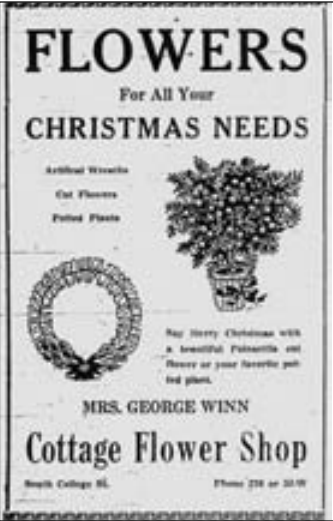
One day I wrote a letter to the commanding officer at Camp Wheeler. I told him about the gardenias Harold had given me and how I planted them and they grew. But after the sad news of Harold's death, from lack of care, the plants died. I asked him to send me a couple of cuttings from the bush as a memorial to Harold. At first, I didn't mail the letter because I thought he would say, "Oh that is just another sentimental mother," and would throw the letter away. About three weeks later, on a sudden impulse, I put the letter out for the postman. Before I had time to change my mind, it was gone. Three or four days later I received a letter from the commanding officer saying he was going to send me the entire bush, and it would be shipped by truck from Camp Wheeler.

It came by Army truck and accompanied by two officers who presented to me the gardenia bush weighing about 15 pounds. It was a beautiful plant and I was so overcome I could hardly realize my wish had been granted. This was more than I had expected. It was really too large for my sun porch, so I purchased a small greenhouse where it continued to grow and bloom.

In the spring my friends urged me to get some potted plants. I did and in a short time I added three more sections to my little greenhouse. Little did I realize the gardenia bush would open a new way of life for me.

I began to think things over and realized I was only one mother among thousand of others who had suffered the same great loss. I kept trying to find myself, and I did. I soon found I could help others in their sorrows and that I could bring happiness, beauty and consolation to those who needed it through the beauty of flowers. I didn't feel sorry for myself anymore.

I built a small brick building and connected it to my greenhouse, which is now known as the Cottage Flower Shop. I enjoy a nice



business. It gives me something to do and think about. I am happy because I know Harold would want it that way.

I'm sure many remember the Cottage Flower Shop. Years later, it was moved to a different location and was known as the Cottage Flower and Gift Shop. It was run by Vonelle Winn Sturgeon.

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Church donates to Needline

St. Peter's of the Lakes Episcopal Church recently donated \$700 to Marshall County Caring Needline. Pictured is senior warden Warner Reynolds and parishioner Doug Moore presenting Becky Cornwell from Needline with the offering. St. Peter's outreach spans several counties surrounding the lakes. Each month a trip is made to a food pantry in Livingston, Trigg, Lyon or Crittenden counties to help keep their shelves stocked with non-perishable items.

Christ is the Chief Cornerstone

Hello and I hope you're having a wonderful Christmas season. Don't you just love Christmas time? The decorations and the special times of fellowship with family, friends and our church family make this such a special time of year for me. I love it.

Well, getting into our devotion today, I want to continue our thought on "The Name Above Every Name" that we've taken from Philipians 2:9-10, where we read, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." (KJV) Today, I want to bring to your heart two other names or titles the Word of God gives to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I want us to see Jesus Christ as "The Chief Cornerstone" and also "The Chief Shepherd."

First of all, the name or title of Jesus Christ being the "Chief Cornerstone" makes Him the foundation stone or the "bedrock" of God's salvation offered to mankind.

In I Peter 2:4-6, this truth is brought out in the Word of God. "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but

Joey Durham

Stepping stones

Crittenden Press guest columnist

chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." (KJV)

Isn't it interesting that Peter, the man God moved upon to pen these inspired words, also had a conversation with his Lord in Matthew 16:16-18 where this wonderful truth is laid out for all to see and believe.

"And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I

will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (KJV)

Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone, declared that upon Himself, and not Peter, He would build His church.

The Word of God and accurate church history bears this out. The church of the living God is not built upon Peter, but upon Jesus Christ, the "Chief Cornerstone" and Son of the living God.

Also, Jesus Christ is given the name "The Chief Shepherd" in the Word of God. In I Peter 5:4, we read these words. "And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." (KJV)

Here again, Peter, who is a pastor or an undershepherd, submits himself to the Chief Shepherd of the flock of God. Peter, after he surrendered himself and his ministry to the Lord Jesus, had the same desire as did John the Baptist and that was that he would decrease and Jesus Christ would forever increase. Peter saw himself so unworthy of his Shepherd, that when it was time for him to seal his testimony with his

life's blood, church history tells us that Peter requested to be crucified upside down rather than be crucified in the same manner as his Lord, his Savior and his Shepherd.

While God has indeed called me and given me the privilege of being the "under-shepherd" of the flock at the Sturgis Baptist Church, the sheep or the believers of our church know that they are ultimately responsible too and will answer to the Chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Chief Shepherd is so wonderful because He feeds us the Word of God and He protects us from the snares and the deceptions of Satan and Satan's ministers.

No greater shepherd exists than Jesus Christ, for He is an Omnipotent God, Who will never lose any of His sheep.

I hope that the devotion today has helped you spiritually and it is our desire that you and your family will have a blessed Christmas and a Christ-centered New Year. Until this time next week, God be with you is my prayer.

Churchnotes

- Emmanuel Baptist Church will host a Christmas Gospel Sing Out at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Guest singers will include Larry and Loretta Walker of Trigg County and Rodney Polk and Jerrell White of Lyon County. The guest speaker for Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 is Bro. Jerrell White. Call 965-4623 for information or transportation.
- Maranatha General Baptist Church, located on Cedar Grove Road in Salem, will host a Christmas program, "The Greatest Gift" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will follow.
- St. Peter's of the Lakes Episcopal Church, located at 47 Black River

- Rd., in Gilbertsville, will host a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 9 p.m. Dec. 24. Everyone is welcome.
- Sturgis General Baptist Church will hold a Watch Night Service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. The featured speaker will be Rev. Herbert Alexander from Marion. Featured singers will be The Clarks from Harrisburg, Ill.
- Marion Baptist Church will host AWANA at 5:45 p.m., Sunday nights for ages two through fifth grade. Other special fall classes include Youth 180 (Hunger and Thirst Games), led by Bro. Jason Dunbar at 6:30 p.m., Sundays; Ladies Bible study led by Pam Collins at 6:30 p.m., Sundays; men's bible study led by Stuart Collins at 6:30 p.m., Sundays and Revival Principles led by Bro. Mike Jones at 6:30 p.m., Sundays. For more information, call the church at



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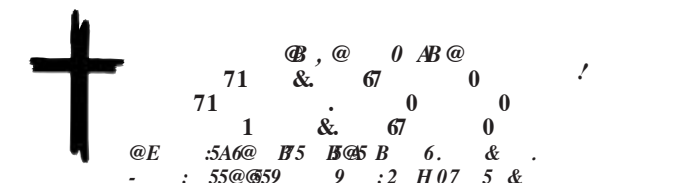
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Obituaries

McKinney

Terry Ray McKinney, 66, of Marion died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012 at his home. He was a member of St. William Catholic Church and American Legion Post 260 in Portage, Ind. Prior to retirement, he had been employed at the Budd Company in Gary, Ind., as a supervisor in the automotive stamping plant. He was a veteran of

the U.S. Air Force. Surviving are his wife, Melinda McKinney of Marion; sons, Tim McKinney of Rockledge, Fla., and Tom McKinney of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a daughter, Kelly McKinney of Chesapeake,



Va.; brothers, Larry McKinney of Marion and Alan McKinney of Portage; a sister, Rhonda Medows of Portland, Tenn.; and three grandchildren. McKinney was preceded in death by his parents, Oren and Irene Waiter McKinney. Services were Monday, Dec. 17 at St. William Catholic Church. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Tax reform: Raise cig tax

ASSOCIATED PRESS A panel appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to look at changes to Kentucky's tax system has proposed lowering individual and corporate tax rates, raising the cigarette tax and expanding the state sales tax to certain services. Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson said Monday the changes recommended by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Tax Reform would generate about \$659 million in new state revenue each year.

Abramson, who headed the commission, said the changes will make Kentucky more competitive in creating jobs. The proposal would lower the state's top corporate tax rate to 5.8 percent from 6 percent. Individual income tax rates also would drop. The state's cigarette tax would go to \$1 a pack from the current 60 cents. Beshear says he'll discuss the commission's recommendations with state lawmakers.

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In Loving Memory of
Charlie Conger
At Christmas
My Husband, Father of Missy & Mike,
Papaw of Emily, Kaitlyn & Macie
August 8, 1943 - February 16, 2005

The family of Ruby Phillips wishes to express our sincere thanks for every act of kindness shown during the illness and death of our Mother. A thank you to all the friends and neighbors for the many good deeds done to help in any way. The food, visits, calls, cards, Gideon Bibles purchased and placed in her memory and flowers were all very comforting. Thank you to the staffs of Lourdes Hospice and Princeton Medical Supply for meeting Mom's needs, and thank you for the compassion and love shown to her and us. A sincere thanks to the Gilbert family and staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for the many ways they helped get us through this most difficult time. Thank you to all who made Mom's service beautiful – The Daisy Patch, Bowtanicals and Louise's Flowers; hairstylist Donna Joyce; pianist Yvette Martin; and pallbearers Jacob Hunt, Wayne Garland, Clayton Paris, Pat James, Danny Martin, Chuck Hinchee. Thank you to the ministers Bro. Heath Martin and Bro. Gary Hardesty for their comforting words, memories and love shared during the service. We appreciate our church, Cave Springs General Baptist, for always being there for all of us, for the meal after the service and for every thoughtful deed. Most of all thank you for the prayers from everyone. They were very much felt and appreciated.

May God bless you all.

The family of Ruby Phillips
Evonne & Ralph Abell
Sharon & Johnny Martin

Thank You

The family of Zelona Belt would like to show our appreciation and thanks for the flowers, cards, gifts, food, phone calls, visits and most of all your prayers during our time of great loss.

A special thank you to Drs. Maddux and James and the staff of Family Practice Clinic. To the nurses and staff of Crittenden Hospital, you went above and beyond in your care and compassion and in making us, the family, as comfortable as possible during Mom's final days. Thank you to the nurses and staff of Crittenden Health and Rehab for your care during her stay.

Thanks to Rev. John Dunn and Rev. Robert Harrison for the kind words during the service. Thanks also to Rev. Jake Brantley, who was grieving the death of his own sister, but nonetheless, conducted the service; to Madeline Henderson for the beautiful music and Madeline and Jimmy Morrison for the beautiful songs. Mother would have been proud. Thank you to the pallbearers. Thank you to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for your kind words and your assistance at such a difficult time.

A very special thank you to Karen Woodall for virtually putting your practice on hold to be with me during Mom's final days and through the funeral. Good friends are hard to find, a friend like you comes once in a lifetime.

Thank you Ruth Evelyn Robertson, Robin Harrison, Juanita Fraley and Thomas George. Without your help, Mom would have never been able to live independently as long as she did. You will never know how much it was appreciated not only by Mom but by us the family. We are truly blessed to have such extended family members as you that we could call on for help and you were ready and willing.

Although it was tremendously difficult to give her up, Mom is at home now with Jesus, Daddy and her family who had gone on before her and we find peace and comfort in knowing that. It is at a time like this you find out who your friends are and we find we are blessed with many.

The Family of Zelona Belt
Phyllis and Randy Flahardy
John Belt and Gail Hicks
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Steven and Carrie Flahardy

Merry Christmas

As we celebrate this Christmas season and turn the calender to 2013, I would like to say “Thank You” to each of my former students. You have blessed my life and our family more than you can ever realize. Yes, you are very special!

Love to all,
Mrs. Linda Cook

By making a donation to the American Cancer Society during this holiday season, the following people bring holiday greetings and blessings to their friends and neighbors.

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"May, the Lord bless you and protect you."
Numbers 6:24

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Memorial Christmas Ornaments for those individuals listed above are now ready to be picked up at Gilbert Funeral Home.

BASKETBALL

Holiday tournaments

Paducah Tilghman Christmas Tournament

FRIDAY

Rockets vs. Reidland, 10 a.m.

Rockets vs. Mayfield, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

Consolation game, 3:30 p.m.

Third-place game, 5:15 p.m.

Championship, 7 p.m.

Other teams in tournament are: Hickman County and Caldwell County.

Hopkins Central Lady Storm United Mine Workers Basketball Invitational

FRIDAY

Lady Rockets vs. Grayson Co., 6 p.m.

SATURDAY

Lady Rockets play at 1:30 p.m., if they win Friday; or at 10:30 a.m., if they lose. The Lady Rockets are guaranteed at least two games on Saturday. Consolation rounds start at 3 p.m. Others in tournament: Union County, Owensboro, Hickman County, Franklin-Simpson, Hopkins Central and Daviess County.

CCMS game results

Crittenden County Middle School's eighth-grade girls lost to Livingston County in Saturday's district championship game after beating Lyon County in the semi-final round.

District Summaries

District Semifinal

8th Girls - Crittenden 33, Lyon 32

Scoring: Pierce 9, C.Moss 8, Lynch 8, Evans 5, Nesbitt 3.

District Championship

8th Girls - Livingston 29, Crittenden 23

Crittenden - Pierce 2, Moss 16, Evans 4, Nesbitt 1. **Livingston** - Campbell 5, Padon 7, Mitchell 9, Adams 6, Williams 2.

Youth travel teams

Crittenden County's boys' third- and fourth-grade team was 2-2 at Murray State in a tournament earlier this month. Here are results:

Crittenden 25, Christian Fellowship 17

Scoring: Braxton Winders 2, Maddox Carlson 4, Tyler Boone 4, Tate Roberts 5, Trace Adams 2, Jasper Morrison 4, Ben Evans 4.

Crittenden 12, Graves County 5

Scoring: Caden McCalister 4, Roberts 2, Gabe Mott 4, Morrison 2.

Marshall Mayhem 35, Crittenden 8

Scoring: Tyler Boone 2, Trace Adams 4, Mott 2.

Murray Magic 20, Crittenden 19

Scoring: McCalister 2, Boone 3, Adams 4, Mott 10.

SOFTBALL

Umpires are wanted

Anyone interested in umpiring fast-pitch high school girls' softball in the Second Region should contact Del Brantley at 836-0649. The first umpires' meeting is Jan. 6 in Providence. Also, if anyone would like to umpire high school baseball games, contact Matt Bell in Providence at 639-3485.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote	Year Round
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Dove	Dec. 29 - Jan. 4
American Woodcock	Nov. 1 - Dec. 15
Sandhill Crane	Dec. 15 - Jan. 13
Archery Deer	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Archery Turkey	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Quail and Rabbit	Nov. 12 - Feb. 10
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 10 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 10 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 22 - Jan. 31
Pennyrile Goose	Nov. 22 - Jan. 31
White-fronted Goose	Nov. 22 - Jan. 31
Snow Goose	Nov. 22 - Jan. 31
Bobcat	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 3 - Jan. 27
Muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Free Youth Deer	Dec. 29-30
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 1 - March 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 2-3

In the Zone

Rockets finding methods to defeat opponent defenses

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's basketball team is almost always in the zone. Or should we say, facing the zone. The 2-3 zone defense. However, that zone is starting to look a little better to the Rockets. Not because they're busting it open with perimeter shooting, but because of their patience and passing and some opportunistic scoring in transition.

Livingston Central – like many other teams in the area – deployed a zone against the Rockets Friday in Smithland during the teams' first matchup since Livingston won the district championship a year ago. The Cardinals jumped out to an 11-4 lead thanks to a high-screen offense, but Crittenden overcame the slow start and won 47-37 in a solid performance.

The victory gives the Rockets (5-3 overall) a 1-2 record through their first round of league play. After Christmas, Crittenden will go back into Fifth District play starting with a rematch against Livingston on Jan. 4 at Rocket Arena. Livingston is 1-8 overall and winless in the district. Its only victory has come against Dawson Springs.

For a time Friday at Smithland, Crittenden appeared a bit befuddled by the soldier-like Livingston defense. The Cardinals yielded just two first-shot points with its zone in the first half. The Rockets managed some first-half points in transition which helped it overcome the early deficit, but the zone was still a problem in the second period.

Crittenden was able to grab the lead when Taylor Champion came off the bench and shut down Livingston's best shooter.

To start the second half, Crittenden's Ethan Hill penetrated the paint twice and his team came away with points both times. Meanwhile, Stephon Cozart worked hard inside to help defeat the zone and eventually Livingston came out of it when Crittenden built a 10-point lead.

Rocket coach Denis Hodge said



Livingston Central's Austin Wright tries to get down the court against Rocket Ethan Hill's tight defense. Crittenden won the game, improving to 1-2 in Fifth District action this season. The Rockets play Livingston again on Jan. 4.

his team's strong inside game, bolstered by the club's second-leading scorer Devin Clark, is the reason many teams choose to zone the Rockets.

The Rockets beat Webster County Tuesday night 41-40. Ethan Hill scored 16 points. He made one of three fouls shots with eight-tenths of a second on the clock to win the game. Webster had tied it at the foul line with 16 seconds to go.

Crittenden 47, Livingston 37

Crittenden County 4 14 14 15
Livingston 11 3 9 14

CRITTENDEN – Owen 10, Dickerson, Hill 9, Gilbert 2, Champion 2, Knox 7, Frazer, Clark 8, Cozart 9. Field Goals 18-48. 3-Pointers 0-7. Free Throws 11-16. Fouls 20. Rebounds 31 (Champion 6, Knox 6).

LIVINGSTON – Rodgers, Woodward 15, Wring 5, Wright 9, Kinnes 2, Ramage, Miller 6. Field Goals 10-31. 3-Pointers 2-9 (Woodward 2). Free Throws 15-19. Fouls 16. Rebounds 25 (Ramage 7).

Illness, injuries plague girls

Lady Rockets on 6-game skid

STAFF REPORT

Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge isn't wasting a single second when it comes to teaching.

Even with her team well behind Friday at Livingston Central, the 20-year head coach never took a break from coaching up her girls, who lost the district matchup 47-29.

The defending Fifth District champion Lady Cardinals are 5-2 overall this season and now 3-0 after the first round of league games. Although Livingston lost its playmaker from last year, guard Aneta Sloma, the Lady Cardinals have plenty of firepower, especially inside with a huge lineup led by junior center Hailee Lampley.

Lampley blocked five shots in the game while dominating the paint with nine points and 13 rebounds. Coach Hodge said her girls – many of them varsity basketball neophytes – will have to learn what tall, long-armed centers can do inside.

"We have to be smart enough to give her a head fake," Hodge said. "That's just being young."

At one point, Crittenden County had three eighth graders, a sophomore and a junior on the floor. Illness and injury has sidelined two starters and the Lady Rockets' first forward off the bench. Seniors Kaitlin Binkley and Davana Head have both been diagnosed with mononucleosis and they will likely be out until after the holidays. Khylla Moss has a knee injury and is out until next week at the earliest.

Our young kids are getting some valuable playing time and will continue getting playing time because we have no idea when we're getting these other girls back," Hodge said.

The holiday break is coming at a good time, the coach explained. It will help her team recuperate from illness and injury and also give her some needed practice time. Trying to mesh middle schoolers into the lineup may be one reason the girls are having trouble scoring. Coach Hodge says the team's timing is off because many of the girls are not used to playing with one another.

"Defensively, we're holding other teams down enough that we believe we can win. We're just not scoring, our offense isn't in sync," Hodge said.

Crittenden is 2-7 overall and finished the first half of the district schedule with a 1-2 mark, beating Trigg and losing to Livingston and Lyon.

The girls are, however, on a six-game losing streak dating back to that win at Trigg County on Nov. 30.

University Heights and Webster County, two of the better teams in the Second Region, have over the past week defeated Crittenden's girls. Webster lashed the Lady Rockets 62-13 Tuesday night as Crittenden failed to get anything going offensively. The girls scored just one point in the third period. Most of Crittenden's scoring was done by eighth graders.

Webster 62, Crittenden 13

Webster Co. 27 15 14 6
Crittenden Co. 7 2 1 3

WEBSTER – Papineau 5, Pritchett, Henry, Edens 11, Keeney 3, Townsend 9, Davis, Baxter 2, Duncan 2, K.Keeney 2, Herrera 8, McNary 12, Dame 2, Gibson 6. Field Goals 24-51. 3-pointers 3-4 (Edens 2, Townsend). Free Throws 11-14. Fouls 13. Rebounds 32 (Townsend 5).

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 2, Collins, Oliver 3, Gobin, Nesbitt 3, Evans 2, C.Moss 3, Riley. Field Goals 4-31. 3-pointers 0-6. Free Throws 5-12. Fouls 11. Rebounds 28 (Moss 7).

University Hts. 75, Crittenden 45

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 19, C.Moss 4, Oliver 14, Collins 3, Gobin 2, Evans, Nesbitt, Pierce, Riley 3, Lynch, Perryman. Field Goals 16. 3-Pointers 2 (McDowell, Oliver). Fouls 19.

Livingston 47, Crittenden 29

Crittenden County 9 6 5 9
Livingston Central 16 10 10 11

CRITTENDEN – McDowell 5, Collins 4, Oliver 9, Gobin, Nesbitt, Evans, C.Moss 8, Riley 3, Pierce. Field Goals 9-38, 3-pointers 2-4 (Moss, Riley). Free Throws 9-17. Fouls 12. Rebounds (Oliver 9).

LIVINGSTON – Walker 8, Head 2, Sloma 8, Kirkham 15, Mayhugh, Barnes, Lampley 9, Brown 5, Fantest. Field Goals 19-53. 3-pointers 1-12 (Kirkham). Free Throws 8-10. Fouls 14. Rebounds 38 (Lampley 13).



Lady Rocket guard Mallory McDowell scratches for the ball against Livingston Central's Carlee Mayhugh during the Lady Rockets' second straight district loss of the season Friday at Smithland. The two teams play again on Jan. 4 in Marion.



Crittenden County's eighth-grade basketball team finished second in the district tournament last weekend at Princeton. The girls lost to Livingston County in the championship game after leading by six points in the first half. Pictured are (from left) Cassidy Moss, Meredith Evans, Mauri Collins, Amanda Lynch, Francesca Pierce, Regan Frazer, Courtney Beverly, Kiana Nesbitt and Madison Champion.

Deadline for crops extended

With no Farm Bill in place, we are still unable to sign up continuous CRP contracts or any other type of program other than 2011 SURE or certifications. If you are interested in a continuous CRP contract, we can still take your information and can start the



process. We will just be unable to finalize the contract until we have a Farm Bill in place.

•Conservation Loans are now available to complete conservation practices. These loans are designed to help operators implement any Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) approved conservation practice. The maximum guarantee FSA can issue is 75 percent. These loans are handled out of our farm loan site at the Hopkinsville office. If you need any additional information, please contact the farm loan team at 886-2545. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

•We are currently taking applications for the 2011 SURE disaster program, certifying fall seeded small grains such as wheat or rye. We have been working on certifying CRP ground as well. Due to receiving new imagery, we are working on updating maps. If you have not gone through your maps at the office, please do so as soon as it is convenient for you. We would like to have these as updated as soon as possible before we start reporting for spring planted crops.

•We would like to remind producers that the 2012 Census of Agriculture from the National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS) will be arriving soon. We encourage you to respond to these questionnaires either by mail or via the web at agcensus.usda.gov.

I cannot stress how important it is for producers to file accurate data with these surveys. Deadline is Feb. 4.

•The Dec. 15 deadline to certify wheat, rye and other fall seeded crops has been extended. This is the first year that the wheat certification deadline has been this early. Due to this factor, anyone who forgot to certify their wheat can still do so. Your late filing fee will be waived. If you still need to certify, do so as soon as possible.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Next sale at Livingston January 8

LIVINGSTON COUNTY - Ledbetter

Tuesday December 18, 2012
Livingston County Livestock Ledbetter Ky.
(Cattle Weighed at time of Sale)
Receipts: 552 head.
Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 5.00-8.00 higher. Supply included 43% heifers and 17% over 600 lbs. Slaughter cows 3.00 higher. Slaughter bulls traded mostly steady.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	100-200	185	212.00	212.00	
6	200-300	255	190.00-220.00	200.43	
4	300-400	324	180.00-201.00	188.47	
13	400-500	430	161.00-173.00	166.82	
15	500-600	540	155.00-161.00	158.74	
14	600-700	625	138.00-145.00	142.50	
1	700-800	750	133.00	133.00	
1	800-900	820	116.00	116.00	

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	200-300	242	170.00-182.00	178.20	
4	300-400	385	167.00-170.00	168.25	
2	400-500	452	142.00-148.00	145.28	
1	800-900	885	105.00	105.00	

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	100-200	185	192.50	192.50	
1	200-300	225	202.50	202.50	
23	300-400	361	157.00-173.00	161.17	
32	400-500	445	144.00-157.00	151.61	
41	500-600	541	135.00-155.00	143.11	
8	600-700	632	123.00-131.00	125.84	
3	700-800	725	121.00	121.00	

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	200-300	272	150.00-169.00	154.97	
9	300-400	381	137.00-155.00	147.22	
7	400-500	454	124.00-140.00	135.77	
9	500-600	549	120.00-134.00	128.76	
2	600-700	632	110.00-117.00	113.54	
1	700-800	755	108.00	108.00	

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	700-800	710	100.00	100.00	
Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
16	300-400	376	165.00-174.00	168.70	
24	400-500	445	160.00-169.00	166.29	
22	500-600	534	145.00-160.00	157.31	
18	600-700	654	130.00-139.00	136.38	
1	700-800	775	122.00	122.00	
1	800-900	880	83.00	83.00	

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	300-400	390	160.00-164.00	161.32	
3	400-500	433	130.00-150.00	141.68	
23	500-600	569	124.00-141.00	132.05	
2	600-700	630	127.00	127.00	
2	700-800	710	100.00	100.00	

Slaughter Cows: %Lean					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
-Breaker	75-85	1200-1775	66.00-72.00	74.00	65.00
-Boner	80-85	1105-1650	66.00-73.00	75.00-80.00	60.00-65.00
-Lean	85-90	1050-1310	62.00-67.00	70.00-73.00	55.00-58.00
-Lite	85-90	800-1025	55.00-60.00	62.00-65.00	54.00
Slaughter Bulls: %G					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
#1-2	1650-1860	86.00-89.00		81.00-84.00	

Stock Cows: Cows 3 to 10 and 5 to 8 months bred 875.00-1375.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 6 to 11 years old with calves at side 1130.00-1500.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef Breed: 180.00-200.00 per head.

PRECONDITION CALF SALE

Friday December 14, 2012

Livingston County Livestock Ledbetter Ky.

Receipts: 760 head.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	300-400	305	182.00	182.00	
13	400-500	477	160.00-170.00	166.26	
91	500-600	549	150.00-162.00	157.58	
98	600-700	658	143.00-152.50	148.62	
119	700-800	751	140.00-152.00	146.11	
34	800-900	831	139.00-141.50	141.24	
3	900-1000	903	131.00	131.00	

Groups: 20 head 725 lbs 152.00 milb

23 head 826 lbs 141.50 milb

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	200-300	265	160.00	160.00	
5	400-500	449	134.00-151.00	143.95	
16	500-600	576	130.00-147.00	142.40	
14	600-700	647	120.00-139.00	133.94	
4	700-800	742	124.00-136.00	129.34	
2	800-900	825	134.00	134.00	
2	1000-1100	1070	93.00	93.00	

Feeder Steers Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	900-1000	921	127.00	127.00	

Feeder Steers Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	400-500	470	120.00	120.00	
4	600-700	680	134.00	134.00	

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	300-400	391	152.00-160.00	158.03	
22	400-500	470	150.00-156.00	154.56	
112	500-600	557	140.00-151.00	145.12	
90	600-700	642	134.00-142.00	138.04	
61	700-800	730	126.00-137.00	134.93	
8	800-900	808	131.00	131.00	
2	900-1000	908	107.00-113.00	109.99	

Groups: 20 head 729 lbs 135.00 mix

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	300-400	345	140.00	140.00	
6	400-500	498	148.00	148.00	
21	500-600	555	120.00-134.00	128.51	
9	600-700	659	130.00-131.00	130.43	
1	700-800	760	114.00	114.00	
3	800-900	847	104.00-116.00	111.23	

Feeder Heifers Large 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	600-700	610	130.00	130.00	

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	500-600	592	111.00-124.00	117.47	
1	600-700	610	90.00	90.00	

Higginson-Henry's antler limit changes

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at its quarterly meeting earlier this month proposed removing the elk hunting unit system for the 2013-2014 elk seasons. Commission members also voted to modify deer hunting regulations at Higginson-Henry Wildlife Management Area in Union County, along with some small game regulations.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

Effective for the next year's elk season, the commission proposed removing the elk hunt unit system and creating three limited entry areas (LEAs). Hunters not drawn to hunt in a limited entry area could hunt anywhere else within the 16-county elk restoration zone where they have permission to do so.

The restriction that only two other persons could assist a drawn elk hunter will be removed. The elk lottery application start date will move to Jan. 1, beginning with the 2014 elk season.

In other elk-related business, the commission will replace the three-day youth-only elk hunt on Paul Van Booven WMA in

Breathitt County with a youth hunt of 10 hunters who may hunt the elk restoration zone (outside the LEAs) for all elk seasons. The commission also proposed an amendment to the elk hunting regulations allowing a drawn hunter to participate the following year if a death in the immediate family prevents the hunter from participating in the elk hunt for which the person was drawn.

In deer-related business, the commission removed the 15-inch outside spread antler restriction from Higginson-Henry WMA in Union County and Beaver Creek WMA in McCreary and Pulaski counties.

In small game-related

business, the commission recommended allowing .25-caliber air rifles to take small game for the 2013-14 season. They also proposed allowing an experimental hunting framework for bobwhite quail on the Sinclair Tract of Peabody WMA, beginning with the 2013-14 season. This will allow biologists to learn more about quail harvest thresholds. During the statewide quail hunting season next year, hunters can use this tract from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday, but will have to check in daily at the WMA office. They will also have their hunter harvest logs visible in the windshield of their vehicle and fill them out upon check-out.

Signs now posted on I-69, parkway gone

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has switched the new 38-mile section of Interstate 69 in Lyon, Caldwell, and Hopkins Counties to new mile points and new signage. Old mile markers for the former Western Kentucky Parkway have been removed or covered.

The change also reoriented the east-west direction of the former Western Kentucky Parkway to north-south for I-69 from the I-24 interchange near Eddyville to the Breathitt-Pennyrile Parkway interchange near Madisonville.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd said there are a few old signs that

will have to be removed over the next few days, but the new I-69 signs and mile markers are to be used to report emergencies to area agencies.

"I think the toughest challenge for everyone is the re-orientation from east and west that we've used for so many years to the north-south direction for I-69," Todd said.

Todd emphasized that mile points along the "co-badged" section where I-24 and I-69 run together from the Purchase Parkway Interchange at I-24 Exit 25 near Calvert City to the I-24 exit 42 interchange near Eddyville will remain the same.

"Whenever two routes con-

verge, the lowest number or oldest route is prime or dominant," Todd said.

The work included updating some of the existing signage along I-24 to current Interstate standards. State signs crews have also placed

signs along a number of state highways directing motorists to the new I-69 route.

A link to a complete list landmarks along the new I-69 section is available at Facebook.com/kytcdistrict1.

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Preschool letters

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Barbie dream house with an elevator, Justin Bieber poster, Justin Bieber movie, 1D movie and poster, barbie car, kitchen set purple, baby doll, sparkly back pack with stars Love, Elliot

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a dinosaur, a car, a tricycle, a drum too. Love, Aiden.

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Fake dishes, Mr. Potato Head, fake cash register, bean bag, rings Love, Gracie

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Orange rocket ship that goes way high... goes in outer space, a car that turns like a rocket ship Love, Landyn

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Red Jeep, red motorcycle, play dough Love, Tate

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Bike, robot Love, Shane

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A baby doll, a baby dollstroller (for my baby doll), a new scooter, a new sand box (purple, green and blue), a new Barbie, a Butterfly dream light Love, Ella

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Fire gun, race track, a Bear Book Love, Logan

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Car batteries, bruster fire truck, race car Love, Noah

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Monster truck, Thomas the Train, Thomas the Train tracks, Mickey Mouse clubhouse pencils, Lightning McQueen pillow pet Love, Gavin

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... A bunch of toy dolls, toy race car track, pet dog and pet chipmunk. Love, Lilah

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... Easy bake oven, baby doll, baby stroller, Barbie car, Barbie's, Monster High house, Love, Jordyn

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Barbie house, crown, Barbie Love, Cheyeme

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A toy puppy dog, some dolls and a doll house, some jewelry, some new clothes, a new scarf, some jewels Love, Graci

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Building things, dress up clothes, a tea set, a play kitchen, a birthday cake Love, Cheyenne

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A train with no eyes and wooden train track, some gloves, some puppets, a cop costume, a lunch box, a toy stove, a cucumber, a toy iPad Love, Jaisen

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... Remote control car, monster truck, toy stove, ring Love, Bryna

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... A toy that has something on it so I can look at it, little tiger, a cup of noodles, tv Love, Candace

to be in a book club, a new backpack Love, Bobby

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Train set with birds, lions and tigers Love, Eytchen

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A remote control car with a motorcycle on it...I want one of those. I want a pistol...for deer hunting - (Papaw's going to help me!), marbles. Love, Braeden

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A BMX bike, a bb gun toy and I want a phone for Christmas too, scissors. Love, Michael

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A Minnie Mouse kitchen, a new marker, two baby dolls, a jumpy toy snake Love, Naomi

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A bathtub for a baby doll and presents Love, Eylalie

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Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A monster truck, a football helmet, hot wheels, dump truck, firetruck hat Love, Bryson

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Iron man, a lion, a bear, a green robot, a funny face, an elf Love, Glenn

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A mermaid, a clean up thing Love, Mollie

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A baby mopad, a phone Love, Ian

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A pink tutu, pink slippers, a play birthday hat, a doctor set up, a baby alive that can walk, a baby that can jump up and down and say mommy mommy. Love, Dixie

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is A pretty pie, a Barbie, tan soap, a salon kit with nails for your fingers, a pony, a pink and purple dress. Love, Katelyn

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Baby want to walk, baby doctor, a new vanity, American Girl doll bed, Barbie princess doll, a new Cinderella doll, LaLa Loopsy doll Love, Drianna

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is Baby want to walk with me, a doctor baby and a really baby too Love, Brooklyn

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... Santa toy, good guys, good truck, fire truck Love, Dalton

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is... Little pet shops, little rabbit, a little baby cat, crayons and markers Love, Karlie

Travis

Dear Santa, How is Mrs Clas? I have been good. I would like a Barbie car. Love, Kari

Dear Santa, Why do you have Christmas trees outside? I have been good. I would like Hello Kitty toys for Christmas. Love, MaKayla

Dear Santa, How is Mrs Claus? I have been good. I would like an iPod for Christmas. Love, Jahtzeh

Dear Santa, How do you make your sleigh fly? I have been good I would like Mario Tennis. Love, Hayden

Dear Santa, Do you like Christmas? I have been good I would like a toy 4 wheeler. Love, Camron

Dear Santa, How do the elves make toys?I have been good I would like a Pokemon. Love, Austin

Dear Santa, How are the elves? I have been good. I would like a spaceship toy for Christmas. Love, Lelana

Dear Santa, How is Rudolp? I have been very good. I would like a real kitty for Christmas. Love, Tallyn

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been very good. I would like a Princess doll for Christmas. Love, Madisyn

Dear Santa, How do you fit down the chimney? I have been good. I would like a horse and clothes. Love, Braden

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I have been good. I would like a new guitar for Christmas. Love, Lathan

Dear Santa, What is the weather like in the North Pole? I have been good. I would like a real 4-wheeler. Love, Zachary

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I have been good. I would like an iPod for Christmas. Luv, Brandon

Dear Santa, how does your sleigh fly? I have been good. I would like a skateboard. Love, Lily

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer have magle? I want McQueen that turns into a jet. Love, Thatchen

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I have been good. I would like a toy helicopter. Love, Gavin

Dear Santa, How does your sleigh fly? I have been good. I would like a Christmas Bear. Love, Jayden

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. I would like a toy dinosaur. Love, Matthew

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? I have been good. I would like for you to surprise me for Christmas. Love, Brooke

Dear Santa, I love you. I have been very good. I would like Woody for Christmas. Love, Katie

Dear Santa, How does Rudolph fly? I have been good. I would like a microphone. Love, Kiali

Dear Santa, How does Rudolph fly? I have been good. I would like a butterfly for Christmas. Love, Carole-Beth

Dear Santa, Who glues toys to you? I have been good. I would like cars, trains, and tractors for Christmas. Love, James Lady

McGowan

Dear Santa, Is your beerd rel? I want 3 computers and 2 new Playstation 2 and Playstation 3 controllers. That's all. I will leave your cookies. Love, Preston Beverly

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a pla kity and pla dog. I am going to leave you some M&M cookies for you. Love, Rachel Mundy

Dear Santa, How are you and Rudolph doing? Wuld you bring me a pet fish and a pet dog. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk. Love, Blake French

Dear Santa, How are you? I wuld lik a computer. I will leave you yummy cookies. Love, Thomas Jackson

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I would like a computer, and camera, and a boy dol with dolhouse. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Love, Leauna West

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I would like a remot control helicopter. We will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Jonah Reddick

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph?I would like a Barbe apartment. I will leave cookies for you. Love, Jennacee Max-field

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I would like a guitar. I will make cookies for you. Love, Ayden Masoncup

Dear Santa, How are you? I wuld like a drum set. I will leve you milk and cookies. Love, Cambree Rushing

Dear Santa, Are you busy? I would like a remot controlled truk. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Chaun Trammel

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I would like a Barbe Dreamhouse. I will make sum cookies for you. Love, Danielle Riley

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? i would like a transformer. I will make you sume cookies. Love, Tyree McClean


Dear Santa, I want your cookie recipe. How du you mak the cookies? I would like real aliv talking sponge you can see. Love, Tyler Braden

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like D.S. i will leave you a tret. Love, Taylor Haire

James

Dear St. Nick, I have been good this year. I do what Mom and Dad say t do. One time Jace accidentally ran over altlier id with his bike and i helped him up. I want a 3DS, Dsi wiiu, and kirreo. I

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olm going to leave you oreo cookies and milk in the living room on the bench. Love, Luke Drawdy

Dear St. Nick, I have been good this year. I help my dad put up the blinds. I also get up with out my mom yelling at me. I wnt a phone and Ipod. La La La Loopsey for Christ. Im going to leave milk and M&M cookies Christmam. Love, Emily

Dear Santa, I promise to be good. I will not bother my brother win he isn't working. I will not smack my dog. I want an Ipod, an Ipad and a phone. I will give you oreo cookies and milk. Love, Rachelle Stahgren

Dear St. Nick, I have been good. I let my mom have privacy. I let my mom have her sleep. I want a machine dul, ds, and an Ipod. Thank you St. Nick Love, Kaymon Young

Dear St. Nick, I have been good this year. I take out the trash, and wash dishes. I would like a 3ds, a phone, and a tv. I will leave you sugar cookies and milk. Love, Gabe Keller

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I will help my big brother not get in my diary. I help my mom work on the ceiling. I would like Barbies, an Ipod, and puppies. I am going to leabe you milk and chocolate chip cookies in the family room. Love, Sophia Madden

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I help my mom and dad do the dishes. I help my mom sweep the floor. I would like an Ipod an Monster high doll. Im going to la-ve out chocolate chip cookies. Love, Allie Combs

Dear Santa, I promise I have been good. I feed my dog without my mom telling me to. I also clean my room. I would like an Ipod, Ipad, and a phone for Christmas. I will leave you chocolate chips cookies. Love, Tia Stoner

Dear Santa, I promise to be betr. I will not kick my sis in the butt. I will not ride my bike down the hill. I want a wreck it Ralph toy, a phone, and a ben ten watch. I am going to leave you chocolate chip cookies. Love, Jaxon Hatfield

Dear Santa, I have good this year. I have cleaned my room. I tell the trust to my mom. I would like a puppy magazean, a math book, and Junie B books Santa for Christmas, I will leave you M&M cookies. Love, Addison

Dear St. Nick, I promise to be good this year. I will help my mom clean the dishes, and i will help clean my room. I would like a go-cart, a dirt bike, and Pop the Pig game. I will leave Christmas cookies and milk. Love, Wyatt Shew-maker

Dear St. Nick,I will promis I will be good this year. I will not hit my sisters. I will be nic to my family. I would like a tv, dvds and an Ipod for Christmas. I promise to leave cookies and milk in the kitchen. Love, Bennett McDaniel

Dear Santa, I have been very good. I help my friends get up when they get hurt. I get up before my sister. I want Barbies, a doll howse and a princess castle. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies in the Living room. Love, Adrienne James

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. I help my dad cut wood at the cadin for fire wood. I also help my mom cook at home. I would like a puppy dog and Spiderman web shooter, and Spiderman movie. I might leave you cook-ies where the Christmas tree is. Love, Hurst Miniard

Dear Mom, I have been very good this year. I make my bed when you tell me to I also do stuff when my teacher tells me to. For Christmas I want a spy net, spy camra, and spy cam. I'm going to leave you rainbow cookies. Love, Eli-jah

Dear Santa, I have been good this year I have been good becuse my mom tells me. I help my mom feed the dogs. I help my mom make my bed. I wood like a Monstr High doll, Legos made out

of a doll and a blankit for Christmas. I will lave you cookies, and I think the cookies will be on the table I will leave you white milk on the table too. Love, Dreama

Dear St. Nick, I promise to be good. I will put the dishis and clothes away. I will push April on the swing. I want a 3DS, Spy set and 3DS games. I will put brownies and milk in the living room. Love, Quaid

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I help my mom plant the garden. I buy mom some flowers when she feels sick. I want a pod a trampoline, and a Princess Legos set. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Allie Beard

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. I help my aunt do the laundry. I help wash dishes. I would like a mon-ste high doll and a rag doll, and a snug-gie blanket. On Christmas Eve I am going to bring you milk and choclote chip cookies. Love, Kira

Dear St. Nick, I've been good this year. This morning I brushed my teeth and hair without my mom telling me to. I don't bully at school. I would like a Essay bake oven, barbie dolls, and jew-elry. I think I would leav some M&M cookies on Christmas Eve. Love, Marley

Dear Santa Claus, I promise to be better. I have been helping my daddy by handing tools to him. I help clean the hause. I want an Ipad, binisor, and a punching bag. I will leave cookies. Thay will be on the table buy the door. Love, Riley Curnel

Dear Santa Claus. I have ben good this year. I help my dad take the trash out. I help my mom do the dishis I want to get an ipod for Christmas and a case. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Sofie Watson

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have been helping my dad work on my four wheeler. I help my mom sweep the floor. I want an Ipod and a ramp and four wheeler. I am going to leave Oreo's. Love, Jace Adams

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I help my grandpa pick up gun shells. I feed the 2 fish. I wunt for Christmas a slingshot, and Ipad, and paint ball gun. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Love, Joey Myers

Dear St. Nick, I have been good this year. I listen to my mom and help her do the dishes. I help when we clean my room. I wunt a dsis diotbike, ipads. I'm going to leave cookies. Love, Conner Simpknis

Dear St. Nick, I promise I will be good. I will not hit my brothr. I will help my brothr wash the clothes. I want a MP3 Playr and a Phone. I will leave you gingerbread man cookies and milk in the living rooms. Love, Shayla Jones

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have cleaned my room. I help my Dad make a four wheeler path. i would like some books, jet and some Legos. I will coom M&M cookies, and leave them in the living room. Love, Robert Jackson

Hunt

Dear Santa, My name is Jazmyn I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favrite thing to do at Christmas is play in snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have new clothes because with-out clothes I would have to wear sheets for clothes. U have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help people do chores and feed my dogs and water my dogs and pet them. I hope you have a very merry Christ-mas! I will leave some milk and cookies penutbutter imenims for you on Christ-mas. Love, Jazmyn Lineberry

Dear Santa, My name is Sam Impar-tato. I am 9 years old. I am in Miss Hunt homeroom class in 2nd grad. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is play in the snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have skylandr so I can de-feaat caoss because I wood defeat the

game. I have been very good this year. Two nice thing I have done are decordted the tree and helped by pre-ses. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some brownies for you on Christmas. Love, Sam

Dear Santa, My name is Preston M. I am 9 year old. I am in 2nd grade. My faworite thing to do at Christmas is sleding. For Christmas this year I would like to hav lego min so I can play huntin because I have ben good. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I help pepol by leting and hen nie to mi fins and my sister I hope you have a very merry Christmas i will leave you some cookes fr you for you on Christmas. Love, Preston M

Dear Santa, My name is Lanie I am 8 years old. Mandy Hunt homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite to do at Christmas is play in the snow. I would like to have a toy Elf to play with and a Frend with it because I would have fun with them. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are let someone get in front of me and I gotten starstickers this year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I will leave you cookie and milk for you on Christmas. Love, Lanie Greenwell

Dear Santa, My name is Preston Sisco. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs Hunt's home room class in 2nd grade. Myfavorite thing to do at Christmas is I like giving Christmas songs. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have more cars for Christmas because it will give me something to do. Also I want a Ipad fou Christmas. I have been vere good this year. Two nice thigs I have done are my work at scool and at home and I want a nother Elf to come tomarow to Mrs. Hunts room. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will laeve some cookees on the table I will see you on Christmas. Love, Presten Sisco

Dear Santa, My name is Gabe. I am 7 ears old. I am in Mrs. Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to play on the snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have an Ipad to share with my brother and sister. and the new optimsprime. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have dne are share and siad thank you. I hope you have a very merry Christmas I will leave you some cookies for santa on Christmas. Love, Gabe

Dear Santa, My name is Reed Minton. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to decerat. For Christmas this year I would like to have a lego cite and an atvin my room because all i get to do is play video games. If I got legos I could play them too. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are read my reading book and brush my teeth. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some milk and cookiys for you on Christmas. Love, Reed Minton

Dear Santa, My name is Emmaleigh. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunt's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is sleep. For Christmas this year I would like to have a pet hourse to ride on. And I want a dall because hourses, and dolls are my favorite toy and not toy. I have been very good this year tow nice tings I have done are lisin to my techer and I lisin in 1st block. I hope you have a Merry Christmas I will leave some Pres-ents at your door today for you on Christmas. Loves, Emmaleigh Almon

Dear Santa, My name is Nathan Bozemah I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is play in the snow. For Christmas this year I wold like to have a puppy, a kit-ten, a toy hipow, a raindeer, and a bird because they are cool things and they can help you with things like flying. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I picked up trash at school and chirch and I been helping peple at school and chirch and home. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some ice cream, cookies, milk, iced cookies, chokiet chip cook-ies, and mint ice cream for you on Christmas. Love, Nathan Bozeman

Dear Santa, My name is Jordan. I'm 7 years old. I'm in Mrs Mandy's home-room in nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas time is decorating the Christmas tree. I would like to have a wii u, their is a cool police game called Lego city undercover. I haven't done anything nice this year so.. go ahead and put me on the naughty list. I will leave some oreos, the birthday type and som choclote milk and a sucker out for you on Christmas. Love, Jordan Hard-esty

Dear St. Nick, My name is Elexis Wesmolan I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts home-room class in nd grade. my favorite thing to do at Chrismas is unwrap presents. For Christmas this year I would like a DSI, games for it, a Ipod or a wii u because I can play games when i'm bord. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are do what my parents say and do my chores. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and white milk. Your Friend, Elexis Wesmolan

Dear Santa, My name is Nathan Brantley. I am 8 years old and I'm in Mrs. Hunt's 2nd grade class. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open-ing presents. For Christmas this year I whould like to have drums and big air plane for Christmas beacuse I want to learn how to play them at church. I have ben very good this year, two nice things I have done are helped my daddy put the Christmas tree up and helped daddy pack. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave you some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. Love, Nathan Brantley

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Isaac. I am 8 years old. I am in Mady Hunt 2 grade. My favorite thing to do at Christ-mas is open prest. For Christmas this year I would like to have a mini bike and a new psp and a psp game be-cause my mom psp brock. I have been good this year two nice things I have done are put up the Christmas tree and put up the Christmas ligh. I hope you have a very merry Christmas I will leave some cookes and milk you on Christ-mas. Love, Isaac Phillips

Dear Sanit Nick, My name is Aviana I am 6 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunt's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is ac-tivities. For Christmas this year I would like to have a DSI... with a camra. And I rely wanta cute puppy too because the DSI I would like to play on. I want a puppy to have fun. I have been very good this yaer. Two nice thangs I have done are I treat my freinds right. I help peppel. and I let peppule use my suplis. I be nice to all the kids. I hope you have a verry Merry Christmas! I will leve you some cookies and milk. And I hope you love teatie bears. And a Merry Christ-mas card for you on Christmas. XOXO, Aviana

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus, My name is Linda. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunt's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favroite thing to do at Chismas is open presents. For chismas this year I would like to have a laptop and a gameboy. Because my sister and me play it together. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are help tak care of my babyby brother. And help my sister dean our room. I hope you have a very Marry Christmas! I will leave some cookeys and milk on the table at my house for you on Chis-mas. Love, Linda

Dear Santa, My name is Laken. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunt's home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is snowbord. For Christmas this year I would like to have nothing beacous I have a lot of stuf. I would like to give my prisints to the pore. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are beaing good to my sister, and help Mrs. Lura like sording her papers. I hope you

have a very Merry Christmas! I will leav some cookies for you for you on Christ-mas. Love, Laken Hunt

Dear Santa, My name is Seth Guess. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have an ipad, flat screen tv, and airplain because I don't have them. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done helping others when stuff falls out of ther trap-erkeepers, and I pick up trash at school. I hope you have a Merry Christmas I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. Love, Seth Guess

Dear Santa, My name is Kaleb Nes-bitt. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunt homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is play in the snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have a toy hellacopter be-

cause I have been good. I can fly it. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help mom by cleaning and listin at school and to my mom. I hope you have a very marry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk. Love, Kaleb Nesbitt

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Alyssa Woodall. I am seven year old. I am in Mrs. Hunt's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christ-mas is play. For chrismas this year I would like to have a new game for my dsi becuse I get bord in the car and play my dsi. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help peaple at lunch and help peaple at rease. I do helpful things like pas out papers for Mrs. Larua. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some coikes and milk for you on Christ-mas. XOXO, Alyssa Woodall

Dear Santa, My name is David. I am



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7 years old. I am in mandy Hunts homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is play in the snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have the wii game wipout because me and my brethers can play the wii with me. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have are I have got done with my work and sed soory to my frind. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies for you and some chese for oyu and ham for you and mon for you and a doller for you on Christmas. Love, David

Dear Santa, My name is Hailey. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Hunts home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is sand. For Christmas this year I would like to have tao pares of socks a barill racing horse necklace and doggy loo because I like necklaces and doggyloo and horse socks. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I have helped my sister up befor I have helped my mom and my dad helps me do my homework. I hope you have a mery Christmas! I will leave some chokies chip cookies and some white milk for you on Christmas. XOXO, Hailey Mccann

Caraway

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Tara Stinnett. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraway's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christ-mas is open presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have a baby doll and some cloth and some jewelry and some pladow because I like to play many and baby. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help people get up when they are hurt and when they are crying and when they fall. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. XOXO, Tara Stinnett

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Taylor Guess. I am seven years old. I am in Mrs. Caraway's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have a fake kitty cat and a big marker bored and a big dimond because i have wanted that for a long time. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help my mom wash the dishes and I helped her clean the grodge and helped her clean the sink. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave you some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. XOXO, Taylor Guess

Dear Santa, My name is Jacob S. I am 8 years old I am in Mrs. Caraways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Crismas is play with my bys. For crismas this year I would like to have a twelve gadge shot gun because it would be a cool thing to have so I can shoot targets. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are help my friend get up in the hall way. And share my things like glue and sizers. I hope you have a very merry Crismas! I will leave som cookies by the fire place for you on crismas. XOXO, Jacob S.

Dear Santa, My name is Jayd. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraway home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas this year I would like to have a laptop, MP3 player, close, and a phone because I will not bother my parinst and so I will not be bord. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are I skipt a prade to see my brother at the ospital and I'm doing what i'm sopost to do. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leav some cookys and milk. I no love cookys so I will leav you a lot of cookys for you on Christmas. I love you sana. I hope you have a happy Christ-mas. Yay yay yay! Love, Jayd Lopez

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Emilee. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christ-mas is biilding snowman. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have a elf for Christmas and teacher set because I would like to be a teacher when I grow up. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help people in math and I am doing good in reading. I hope you have a very Merry Christ-mas! I will leave you some Christmas cookies for you and milk for you on Christmas. XOXO, Emilee Russelburg

Dear Santa, My name is Hanra. I am 8 years old. I am in my homeroom class in Mrs. Caraway's 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at chrstmas is selbat-ing Jesus's birth. For Christmas this year I would like to have a ipod tuch, drum set, a elf to wach me, a imphree player, because I have ben good this year. I want the drum set so I can wake my mom up in the morning. I have ben very good this year. Tow nice things i have done are chors clen up my room and I do wat mom sess. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave you some chodetchip cookies for you Santa for you on Christmas. Love, XOXO, Hanna

Dear Santa, My name is Emily I am 8 years old I am in Mrs Cavy homeroom class in nd grade. My favorite thing to do Christmas this year I would like to have 3DS eif an new gams operm or wos buds. because so I can play it. I wot a new wi gams so i can play it. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are sum tim ine ip my mom with the grosne I help my mom with the dishi. I hope you have a Merry Christmas I will leave some

cookes for christmas and milk you on christmas. Love, Emily

Dear Santa, My name is Derek I am 9 yers old I am in 2 grad homroom class in 2nd grade. My foworite thing ta do at Christmas is I get to sirg. Of Christmas this year I wold like a pack of army men and a tank because I want to play army. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I have been nice to my friends and I have been nice to my teachers. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies for you on Christ-mas. Love, Derek Beckner

Dear Santa, My name is Jacob Hoover. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraway's home room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Chirst-mas is to decorate the tree. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have PS3 Harry Potter part 2 because I like scary video games when I play them, I have been very good this year are I helped my sister close the door and I protect my sisor Ella. I hope you have a merry Christmas I will leave some oreos and milk and a candy cane and another oreo and a ginger bread cookie for you on Christmas. Love, Jacob Hoover

Dear Santa, My name is Parker Kayse. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraways homerome class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christ-mas is open my gifts. For Christmas this year I would like to have an Xbox 360. Call of Duty Black Ops two for the Xbox becuase I want to play Call of Duty black Ops Two on the Xbox. I havebeen very good this year. Two nice things I have done this year are let Wesley and my brother look at my books and take stuff to other teachers for my teacher Mrs. Caraway. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some milk, cookies and raindeer food for your rain-deers for you on Christmas. Love, Parker Kayse

Dear Santa, My name is Callie D. I am 7 years old. I am in mrs. Caraways homeroom classin 2nd grade. My fa-voret thing to do Christmas is deckarate. For Christmas this year I would like to have a pretty pink camera please because I would like to take pic-tures of my family. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are helped my mom cook and I have done good in School. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave you some candy cookies and some milk you on Christmas. Love, Cal-lie Dempsey

Dear Santa, My name is Hannah. I am 7 years old I am in Mrs. Caraway 2nd grade homeroom. My favorite thing to do at Chrimas is spend family time. For chrismas this year I would like to have a teacher cit a art cit for chrismas. Thay are fun to play with wun you get home. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I helped my dad put up the Chrismas tree and I help peple that fall on the ground. I hope you have a very merry chrismas! I will leave some milk and cookies on the table for you. Love, Han-nah Barar

Dear Saint Nisk, My name is Wyatt. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraways home room class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is hav a snoboll fite. For Chrstmas this year I

would like to have vedeo games, mm vese, tows and clerering books and a 3DS because I like to have a good time. I have been good this year two nise things I have done are bot he loneeg and deshes. I hope you have a Merry Christmas I will leave some coces and melk for you for snty for you on Christ-mas. Love, Wyatt Hodge

Dear Santa, My name is Nicholas I am seven years old. I am in Miss Car-aways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is work at home. For Christmas this year I would like to have a remote control monster truck and a sled for Christmas. I do not have those so that is why I want those. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are clean house with my mom and dad and i help peeple up at scoel! I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk on Christ-mas for you on Christmas. Love, Nicholàs

Dear Santa, My name is Paris Ander-son I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Car-away homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is having a Elf for Christmas this year I would like to have I want a hello ketty toster for Christmas. because it makes hello kettys faces on the tost an I could make tost for mom. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are help. XOXO, Paris

Dear Saint Nick, My name is Trevor Allen Efler. i am eight years old. I am in Mrs. Caraways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Chris-mas is to celebrate Jesuses birthday. For Chrismas this year I would like to have a blue video camra, head bands game, dulux batlships, and a reumot centrole car because I can reycord stuf with my video camra, I can play head-bands with my famaly, i can play batt-ships and I can play with my remot centrole car. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are i helped a ferend with there work and I been working rely quiet. I hope you have a very merry Chrismas! I will have cookies and milk for you on Chrismas. From, Trevor

Dear Santa, My name is Carly M Towery. I am 7 years old I am in Mrs. Caraways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Chirst-mas is to be with my family. For Chirst-mas this year i would like to have kitten plushies and an encyklopeda of cats because I want more cat plushies and learn more about cats. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help my mom with her broken foot and told the truth all year. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies, milk and some gifts for you on Chirstmas. Love, Carly M. Towery

Dear Santa, My name is Zachory I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Caraways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorte thing to do at Christmas is open presints. For Christmas this year I would like to have a suviver set and army set because I want to procais to be in the army. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I helped people pickup theor stuff out side. I hope ou have a marry Christmas. I will leave you some coockes for Christmas. Love, Zachory

Dear Santa, My name is Collin Epiey. I am seven years old. I am in Mrs. Car-aways homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Chistmas is open toys. For Chistmas this year I would like to have a ds and Mario toys and angry birds starwars yos. And skippy jo in jon toy this year. I have been very good this year two nice tings I done are be good for my mom and dad and I feed my cat. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas I leave some milk and chotlite chip cookies for you on Christmas. OXOX, Collin Epiey

Beverly

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I wus heeping mom. I want a furby. How ole are you? How ole is Mrs. Clas? I want a puppy to. And sum good love! Your Friend, Ava Henry

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause we have chors and I do it. I wants a psp and iPod and a dsd. How do your reindeer fly? Love, Turner Sharp

Dear Santa, I have been cleaning my room. I want a ds game. How do you get in our house? Love, Lucy Haire

Dear Santa, I have been good becus I nevrr moovb a clip. I wut a ipod and a phone. Is it true that you like cookies? Love, Cayden Tramel

Dear Santa, I want a skilandër Giant beekos have it pulled and tickets. How brite is rudolphs nose? Your Friend, Gat-tin Travis

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I help dad. I want camo pants. How did you git so big? I want a pair of sweat shirts. All I want as for you to bring kids presents. Love, Mason Crider

Dear Santa, I want a helckpopt. Be cus I have been good at home. Your Friend, Noah Atchison

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I hold my sister. I want a bumble bee tox and dds. How old are you? Love, Dante Badywell

Dear Santa, I hav ben good becus I help mi mom wen she is sick. I want a ipod tuh. Wi did yuw put elfs en fune plasis? Your Friend, Austin Writ

Dear Santa, I have mooved a spot. and I like DS game and a I fon. How are you? Dus food mackes you fat? I want a DS and a cam puotr. Your Friend, An-gelia Dennis

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I cleaned my room. I want a tablit for crismus. how old are you? Your Friend, Kaylee Fay

Dear Santa, I hafe been good be-cause I clen dishis. How old ar you? I want a ipod and a blingl. Your Friend, Haylee Perrin

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have been cleenig my rom. I want a brebedal fowr crsmis, Ar you tooo? Your Friend, Clhoe Rozwallid

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I wash dishis. I want a trampleyn.

Who old are you? Your Friend, Gabe Rushing

Dear Santa, I have been good be-case I have been good to my teechr. I want a ipod and amercken girl doll ece-serees. How is Mrs. clos? Your Friend, Abbey Swinford

Dear Santa, I hav booe gooe because I hov ken od. I want a Ipod. How is Rbofe. Your Friend, Chase Conyer

Dear Santa, Santa I love you. Want do you do. I lke you. Do you like me? I am good. Are you good? I was hotwis 2. Your Friend, Tucker Riley

Dear Santa, Santa you are nice but I want a iPad and a deeces. But i want a surper mareo game. Your Friend, Grayson James

Dear Santa, I have ben good become I have ben whoshine dishis. I whon a Xbox 360. How old are you? Your Friend, Teage Millikan

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I help my mom and dad! I want a big bed! How do you go up the chime? Your Friend, Autumnn McKinney

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I cling me room. I want a ds and wii. How do you brag toy? Your Friend, Alex Conner

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I nevrey pood my clip. I want onq ds game. How dust your radirs fly? Your Friend, Jasmine Wooley

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I was being good I have hotp ol ling. Ol spot Iwoletel toy tron. How are so quiet? Your Friend, Tristan Yates

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I've been good to my sisters. I want American girl doll. How old are you? Your Friend, Jaycee Champion

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I lesnen to my techr. I want a

Ipod. How do yore randers fly? Your Friend, Aubre Conger

Bruns

Dear Santa, My name is Genesis. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My faverite thing to do at Chistmas is rap presents. For Chistmas this year I would like to have a picture of the raindeer wene there babys because I want to see were they very cute. I have very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I been giving Mrs. Bruns snacks. And I help my sister do her home work. I hope you have a very Merry Chistmas! I will leave some milk and cookies for Santa and Elves and deer food for the raindeers for you on Christmas. Love, Genesis

Dear Santa, My name is Brayden. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Chrimas is play in the snow. For Chrismas this year I would like to have a Laptop and a skat-board because I never had a laptop and I can play games on it. I have been good this year. Two nice things I have done are take out the trash and do my chores and santa have a great Chris-mas. I hope you have a very merry Chrismas! I will leave some cookies for you and milk on Christmas. Love, Bray-den Williamson

Dear Santa, My name is Jenna Jo Newland. I am seven years old. I am in Mr. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade! My favorite thing to do on Christ-mas is to open presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have a Ipod touch and Ipod. Beacuse I have never had one befor and I ant one real bad plect. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help people when they need help like help-ing them find there mom and I gave EmilyMmoreland a eracer in math class. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. For the rain deer they get rain deer food. XOXO, Jenna N

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Dear Santa, My name is Alyssa. I am 9 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to is see Santa. This year I would like to have is a bike and a toy dog and a toy cat because I never ever have had a toy dog or a toy cat. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I help my mom with my sister at home and i help my brother clean his room. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk and more cookies and milk for the randeer. XOXO, Alyssa Yates

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus, My name is Emily H. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christmas this year i would like to have my wole family hear for Christmas this year beacuse I miss them. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are helping my family with chorse, and get ready for holodays, and pick up things. I hop you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some milk and cookies and rain-dear food for you on Christmas. XOXO, Emily H

Dear Santa, My name is Brylee Conyer. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have a tiny white puppy because my favorite animal is puppys but I don't know why. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I help our class if they are stuck on a paper and help everyone redd if they are stuck on a word. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some milk and cookies and for the raindeers some raindeer food for you on Christmas Love, Brylee Conyer

Dear Santa, My name is Briley Berry. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have a camra for Chist-mas because I can spy on my sister at my house. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help my dad herd cows on my papaws farm and I helped my dad put together his offis chair. I hope you have a very mery Christmas. I will leave some cook-ies and milk and raindeer food on Christmas. Love, Briley Berry

Dear Santa, My name is Raven. i am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open pres-ents. For Christmas this year i would like to have an Elf on a Shelf becauseI don't have one. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are helped others by playing with them when they don't have anyone to play with and I help my sister clean her room. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave you some cookies and milk for you and for your raindeer I will leave the carits for you on Cristmas. Love, Raven Hayes

Dear Santa, My name is C.J. Conger. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorit thing to do at Christmas is play-ing in the snow. For Christmas this year would like to have a toy dog and a toy cat because my baby sister would like it too. I have been very good this year. Two thing I have done are i shaed a gluestick and crayons to a girl. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookie and milk for you on Chrismas. Love, C.J Conger

Dear Santa, My name is Lyli. I am 8 years old I am in Mrs. Brun's home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite for Christmas this year I would like to have

I wood like a compter and a lpad be-cause my siter lost her lpad and if I get an lpad we can shar it. I have been very good this year. Two nice thing I have done are hepl other pepler with they are sad and I look out for other pepler. I hope you have a verey merry Christ-mas! I will leave some i will leave some cook and mike and some rard food you on Christmas. Love, Lyli Wesmolan

Dear Santa, My name is Deacon Hol-liman. I am 8 years old I am in Mrs. Brunes homeroom in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is have-ing fun for Christmas this year I would like to have sum swamp stuf and a dangers hunts 2013 for a wi because it is like hunting in my room. I have been very good this year two nice thing I have done are i helped my mom and dad by cleaning and I helped Josh by feeding the cuttle on the farm. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I will leave some prest you on Christmas. Love, Deacon

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew Jenkins I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs Run's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to doat Christmas is open presents and play. For Christmas this year I would like to have a menck-drt bike and a psp and a mpnchr crochrocket, because I have been vere good and I want to have one. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I nise to my fam-ily and to my and classroom. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk! Love, Matthew Jenkins PS. MerryChristmas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus, My name is Levi I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is decrate. For Christmes this year I would like to some labs a Elf and a puppy be-cause a puppy is very cut. I have been good this year two nice thing I have done are I help decarate and I feed my dog. I hope you have a very Christmes! I will leave semcookys and milk you on Christmas. XOXO, Levi

Dear Santa Claas, My name is Car-son. I am 7 years old I am in Mrs. Bruns's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favrit thing to do at Christmas is pray with my frints. For Cristmas this year I would like to have a school desk and raly chair and laptop cumputer and 3DS becuse I love to play school a lot at home. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are i sher my ipod and cook for my mom. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some cookeys for you on Christ-mas. XOXO, Carson

Dear Santa, My name is Zack Pam-rob. I am 8 years old. I am in ms Bruns homeroom class in 2nd gabe. My fa-vorite thig to do at Christmas is eat yoeakslert. For Christmas this year I would like to have MP3 player because mine brok. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are fixing the eihcel shelve for the teacher and I fix stuf at bo me. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some suecise for you on Christmas. Love, Zack

Dear Santa, My name is Wesley Fritts. i am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorit thing to do for Cristmas is play in snow. For Cristmas this year I would to have a flash rider 360 the new lego heroe factery because it's sweet and I will ride the flash rider 360 and I will play with the new lego heroe fac-tory. I have been very good this year. Two nice tings I have done are helped Brylee C open a box and helped Raven pick up her room. I hope you have a very Merery Cristmas! I will leav som sookeys and milk for you on Cristmas.

Love, Wesley

Dear Santa, My name is Ben Paris. I am 7 yearsold. I am in 2nd grade my favorite thing to do at Christmas is eat cookies. For Christmas this year I would like to have a backyard blistics kit be-cause I like many and seting it up. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are piked my frends pensels up and let my brother play Xbox wen I was playing. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas i will leave som cookies and raindeer food on Christmas. Sincerely, Ben Paris

Dear St. Nick, My name is Olyvia Lanham. I am 9 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open preants. have a mowpad for Christmas so I can ride it outside be-cause I was good. I have been very good this year two nice things I have done are I help other peaple when they pull thir teeth and I share my toys with my sister. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas day and i will leave raindeer food. XOXO, Olyvia

Dear Santa, My name is Anthony. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is give. For Christmas this year I would like to have a Xbox 360, a hint iode 3ds, call of duty black ops 2 because I can play call of duty black ops 2 and xbox 360. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I helped my mom clean her garden. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas! I will leave some milk and cookis and some rain-deer food for your raindeer espeshlly for rudough for you on Christmas. Love, Anthony

Dear Santa, My name is McKenna Myers. I am seven years old. I am in Mrs. Bruns's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorit thing to do at Christ-mas is to decerate my tree. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have a ppink beabea gun, a McKenna doll, a book for the McKenna doll, because I want a bea bea gun so I can shoot deer. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are give Mrs. brun's a orange and gave her a elf that I drew and I played a game cold coul-doodoody I didn't rilly likeplaying it but I did it inwyway. i hope you have a very mery Christmas! I will leave some cookies and more cookie I alsave will give you lot and lot of milk. I mite give the raender some speshel food for you on Christmas. XOXO, McKenna

Radivonyk
Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have not hit ine bode. I want a toy dog. What do you feed your rander? Your friend, Tristan Long

Dear Santa, I have ben goodbecus I help peple. I respect peple. I help my mom put the close in the drier. I help peple get up wen they fall down. I want a monster truck with flames on the side. What do your rain deer eat? What kind of cookies do you eat? How many elffs do you have? Do your elffs bring books some times? How many presnts do you have? Your friend, Skyler Sulli-van

Dear Santa, I have been good BeKus I have been helping mom. I want Pet-Shops. how do your ranedirs fly?Your frend, Payton Maness.

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I help mi sistr get stuf duun. I want a nuw game. Haul bo yru randeh fil! Your friend, Levi Piper

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I get star stickrs by the way I have 14 star stickrs. I want a swingset,

doll, close for Jessica and a l pad and sperrys and close for me. want kind of cookies? Your friend Kiley Croft

Dear Santa, I have Been good be-cause I have Been nice to other and not be min. I want macup and some clas and a doll. how do your randir fly? Your frend, Lizzie Campbell

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I triye helping kids geting out uv fies. I want uvventhag for crimis and tore the presuses and Keira the pop-stare are you cold there? Your freend Keira Chaney

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have Majik at my house. I want tow amarakin girl dolls and a l pad. How may elfs you have? Your friend, Katie Perryman

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I ahve hlep and I have goting 3 star stecers. I want a ipodtoch for christmas. Will you bring one for me and I pad to ok. what kind of cookeis do you like sant? your friend, Reese mcworthy

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I got to eat candey. I want a toy barbe doll. How do your raindeer fly? your friend ckyli corriveau

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I help my sistr and my bruthr. I want a Kalechen uv pokemon. I want to no how dus yor ruader fil? Your friend, Triston Marin

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I had help mi mom woch mi lidl sidr. I want a mirdsiki and a drt bik and a ecnik gitr. Doo yeo lik brneez and elgng? Your friend, Jay Paul Jones

Dear Santa, I have been good be-case ivgot star sticcks. I want an lpad and a lalalopsy, monster high dolls, and a DS and a games for my DS and a doodle bear and a dream liht to and 2 american girl dolls. What do your rain-deer deat? Your friend Avery Johnson

Dear Santa, I have beengood. I help my mom get her stratner. I want a l pad 4 and a DS4 and some game wit t to and I want a dreme light. Wat Do you do dearing te week? Your friend, Marissa Asbridge

Dear Santa, I have been good Be-cause I have got star stickers. What cind of cookeis do you like? I want a NBA Jam hunting cloths a boe remot control truck ad Dream light, ripstick Iphone 5 and musaloder, a profishing game. Your freind, Tyler Belt

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I plad nis at horny. I want a mon-ster truk. How mene elfsu or ther? Your friend, Charles Irvin

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have lisuned to my Mom and Dad and Papi and Nani. I want uv mostr hih pujers and mosth hih toys and tsrs. Want cid uv cookies do you eat and were do you sleep. your friend, Emily Adams.

Dear Santa, I huve bin bad beekas I din't follow the rus to the clas rume. I wunt a toy Rc car and a toy mostrtlk. Want kind of KooKes ob you like? your friend, Donald Samuls

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I am nis. I want woinng dog and a elf and a new horns and I a new dog What do you do? Your friend, Karlie Baker

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have been helpn my baby. I want a tractur clectur john dear four will dtriv wit buls on the trunt. Hal dus urs

Tiny Tiny fyyes? Your friend, Carson Brown

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I have been heping my bruthr. I want a big big truck. How do your ran-der fly? Your frend Jacob Mahns

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I helped mi mom kook. I want a wall chrak. Dooy you like kookez? your friend, Hayden Cavanah

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I gadv wep me lett sesy I been bood wet me bog. I luv mom. I lik mefem the hir to me bergno I want barb bbbabebol Iwut a puppy. I want a bolhs do u lil loey do u lil iskem do u lil kace. Your friend, Brittany clark

Green
Dear Santa, How does your levee be-come green elves? In my opinion I have been good because I work hard at school. For Christmas I would like to have nettles your find maddie Travis

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf doing? In my opinion, I have been good because I have been helping my mom with chores. For Christmas I would like to have and Elf on the Shelf, a Kite and a new set of crayons and markers. Love, Samarah Darrow

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer today? In my opinion I have been good because I help my nanie. For Christmas I would like to have Justin Beiber per-fume, Peanoe guttare Love, Chloe Jack-son.

Dear Santa, How did your reindeer git ther names? In my opinion. I have been good because I been doing the dish. For Christmas, I would like to have sum sparts closes and gluvns. your Friend, Travis Champion

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa Claus? In my opinion, I have been good beecause I help my mom and mom meme and my dad. For Christ-mas, I would to have toy a elves and a skooter. Your Friend, Damyon Toy

Dear Santa, I have been good be-cause I klen the dake. I want a guitar. Santa Klos is Rudof a goodrandyer? your friend, Evony Calderon

Dear Santa, Are you redy for cookys? In my opinion I have been good be-cause I helped my mom and dad I helped my mom shop I helped my dad by wosh a car's. For Christmas I would like to have Legos and wildcat hoody and a nintendo D.S. love, Laycee Lynn

Dear Santa, When do you cumm Santa Claus? In my opinion, I haev been good becaus i dunt Sed for Christmas. I would liketo have five cars that yellow red black. Your friend, Jaden Fisher.

Dear Santa, Are The reindeer rede to fly? I have been good because I been good to my frinds in my opinuin for Christmas. I would like to have a pelo and a remote rentrol arplane. Your frind, Koby Williams

Dear Santa, I havve been good be-cause I fed the pigs. I want a video game. How old ar the rander? Sin-cerely, Adrian Roach

Dear Santa,How as my elfs been doing at the Norht Pole? In my opinion, I have been good because I love my brother. For Chritmas I would like to have a rescue helicopter. Love, Cutter Singleton

Dear Santa, Is Mrs. Claus making kookez? I have been good because I play with my little brother. For Christ-mas, I would like to have princess stuff and a castle with it. Love, Emma Fazer

Dear Santa, What are your elves doing?In my opinion, I have been good because I hav ben peging up my bed-room. For Christmas I would like to have new shoes, a babey house for my babeyes and a fake mopad. Love, Marissa Stolttenburg

Dear Santa, How are the ranedeers? In my opinion I have been good be-cause I kleend my room. For Christmas I would lik to have Xbox games lik As-sasins and haloe 4. You Friend, Tyler Smith

Dear Santa, When are you gowin to brind my presents In my opinion , I have been good because I do my chores. For Christmas, I would like to have a new toys frog and a new doll your Frindd Ashayla McDowell

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? In my opinion, I have been good because I have been giting the chickin eggs. For Christmas I would like to have a 3D trget and undearmar close. your Friend, Jeremiah Foster

Dear Santa, How has Rudolf been doing? In my opinion I have been good because I have listend. For chrismtas I would like to have a bow and erow a be be gun and madden 13. your Friend Micah Newcom

Dear Santa, How have you been doing? In my opinion I have been good because I ben doing my homwrk for Christmas, I would lik to have an elf. Your Fiend, Amiee Bean

Dear Santa How is the North Pole? In my opinion, I have been good because Im doing my homework. For Christmas, I would like to have a LEGO Ninjago Ds game. Your Friend, David Fritts

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? In my opinion, I have been good be-cause at school I have been doing the rools. For Christmas, I would like to have a panthr jerse and an elf on the shelf. Love, Avery Belt

Dear Santa, How are you doing? In my opinion, I have been good because I've been clenig up my room. For Christmas, I would like a monster truck with remote controls. Your Friend, Seth Riley

Dear Santa, How have your elves ben dowing? In my opinion, I have been good because I have ben good at school. For Christmas I would like to have a Lolo Loopsy Doll. Your Friend, Kailey Duncan

Dear Santa, Are your dogs good? In my opinion, I have been good because I play with my Dad. For Christmas, I would like to have a Frbey.Your Friend, Hannah Long

Dear Santa, How have your elves

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been doing? In my opinion, I have been good because I hawve been doing the dishes. For Christmas, I would like to have a deumset. your Friend, Lane west

Dear Santa, How is your dog Paws doing? In my opinion, I have been good because I didn't change a card and was still on green. For Christmas, I would like to have a fire kite, a remote control motorcycle and a bow and arrow game. Your Friend, William Hazel

Brantley
Dear Sante, My name is Evan M. . I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Borals homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Crismas is purr, the ornunnits on the tree. for Crismas this year I wold like to have some Poekey-mon and some Bey-blades and some Monsoodoos. I have been very good this year. Twe nice thing I have done are doing alot of chorse loke cleening my room and getting stuf doenfaster at school with my work. I hope you have a very mery Crismas. I will leave some raindeer food and some cookeys for teh elfs and some cookeys for you on Crismas. Love, Evan McDowell

Dear Santa, My name is Nataliee Mayleen Bachanan. I am 7 yaers old. I am in Ms. Brantlys homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is say a prayer. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have a DSI game so I can play it because I got some but I want more. I have been very good this year. Two things I have done are help people at a church with my sisters wich are cute and help people do homework. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies for you and some food for the deer for you on Christmas. Love, Na-talee Mayleen B.

Dear Santa, May name is Colton G. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Laura homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is jump in snow. For Christmas this year I would like to have lots of toys from Santa and a puppey and a foot ball. Because I would play ball with dad. I have been very good this year. Two nice thaings I have done are play with my friends. And help my mom and dad clean the house. I hop you have a very merry Christmas. I well leavesome milk and some cockes. XOXO, Colton

Dear Santa, May name is Isaac I am 8 years old. I am in 2nd homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is be god. For Christma this year I wold like to have my buths to be good to be good becaus eher o mad to me and I wold hav a xdox game. I have been very good this year. Tow nice the I have done and I hebman buth. His names the are lhea josh. I hope you have you a very merry Chrismas! I will

leave same croke fro you on Christmas. Love, Isaac

Dear Santa, My name is Harley. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs Laura home-room calss in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is play in the snow. for Christmas this year I would like to have a Good Chrstmas. becuse I want to see my elf, so make shure I am Being good. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are the things like play with my friend on the wii and play on the trاملen with my friends. I hope you have a very merry christmas! I will leave some milk and cookies. I know you wont let me down. I know you can count on be to Good for Christmas for you on Christ-mas. Love, Harley

Dear Santa, My name is Victoria I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Laura's home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is going to see you. For Christmas this year I would like to have a real live horse and I want it to be on a farm be-cause thats all I ever wanted. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are some body spilted ther tray and I stayed to pick it up. and watch my baby sister! I hope you have a very merry Christ-mas! I will leave some milk and cookies for your on Christmas. Love tori

My name is Case I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Lauras homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is open presents. For Christ-mas this year I would like to have a go cart and Browning shotgun. because I could drive my go cart and shoot by shotgun. I have been very good this year Two nice things I have done are help people when they dropped their booksand I help Seth carry his back-pack. Your friend, Case

Dear Santa, My name is Gavin. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Lauras home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at christmas is to go see the lights. For christmas this year I would like to have an I pod touch because I want to listen to lots of songs. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are take out the trash for my mo and I pick up my trash. I hope you have a very merry Christ-mas! I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas. Love, Gavin Peek

Dear Santa, My name is Macie Hunt. I am 8 year's old. I am in Mrs. Laur's homeroom class in 2 grade. My favorite thing to do at Chritmas this year I would like to have a pitcher of all the elf's and raindeer because Ive alway wanted one I will put it on my shef. I have been very good this year two nice thing's I have done are go shopping for pore that dont get Chritmas and helped my sister get her clothe's on. I hope you have a very

Mery Chritmas! I will leave some cookie's and milk for you and some cookie's for my elf little fellow on Chrit-mas. love, Macie Hunt

Dear Santa, My name is Jack. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Laura home room in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is spinning time with my family for Christmas this year I would like to have A baseball. I have been good this year. two nice things I have done are I have helped my mom and dad with my new baby brother. and I have tech my brother basketball. I hope you have a very merry Christmas I will Leave some riandeer food and I will leave some cookies and milk for Christ-mas Love, Jack Reddick.

Dear Santa, My name is Alex Jones. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs Laura's homeroom in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is go see the Lights. For Christmas this year I would to have a fuzzy stuffed penguin and a new bike because I don't have them and I can play with my penguin and ride my bike in my driveway. I have been good this year. Two nice things I have done this years are I have played with my sisters and fed the dogs. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will Leave some raindeer food for the rain-deer and Leave you some cookies and milk. I will Leave you a present and a present for the raindeer on Christmas! Love, Alex Jones

Dear Santa, My name is Evan Belt. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Brantly's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open-ing gifts. For Christmas this year I would like to have some head fones that are called beats because so my brother does not anoy me. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I played with my dog and I helped Elie and his little sister by help-ing him if he gets hurt. I hope you have a very merry Christmas I will leave some milk and cookies for you santa. Love, Evan Belt

Dear Santa, My name is Kaisen. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Laura home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite this to do at Christmas is to open pressents from you and my family for Christmas this year I would like to have a camera because I can take picters. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are helping my mom by washing Dishes and helping my frinds by playing with them. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas. Love, Karsen Shouse

Dear Santa, My name is Seth Black-burn. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs. Lauras homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is

get toy. For Christmas this year is a paint ball gun and an Iphone 3 because I can shot my sister and play games on my new Iphone. I have been very good this year. Two nice thingsI have done are make my moms bed up to be nice and help my dad build bird houses for the birds to live in. I hope you have a merry Christmas! I will leave some cookies and milk and give Jingle bell some to. I hope you have a merry Christmas. Love, Seth Blackburn

Dear Santa Claws, My name is Nate. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Lauras homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open my presents. For Christmas this year I would like to have a lot of monsunos and beyblades and bakugans because there my favorite toys and shows. I can play them with friends. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help with chores like fold the clothes and I helped out with my sis-ter's homework. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave you some cookies and milk for Christmas. XOXO, Nate H.

Dear Santa, My name is Caeron. I am 7 years old. I am in Ms. Lauras home-room class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is get presents For Christmas this year I would like to have Skylanders Giants for Christmas because I think it is cool. I have been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I have helped my mom washing the dishes, and I helped my dad cleanhis room. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas. I will leave some reindeer food and cookies for the rein-deer and Santa for you on Christmas Love, Cameron

Dear Santa, My name is Madalyn. I am seven years old. I am in Mrs. Laures homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thing to do at Christmas is open gifts. For Christmas this year I would like to have Christmas dinner with my famileiy and freinds. Because it's Christ-mas eve and I love to spen time with them. I have very good this year. Two nice things I have done are I made someone fill better. and I help kids who has truble in math. I hope you have a very merry Christmas! I will leave some Riandeer treats and some chocklet chip cookies and some chocklet milk for you on Christmas. Love Madalyn Schiller

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Nataliee Boon. I'm 8 years old. I'm in Mrs. Laura's homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is to spend time with my family. For Christmas is to always have my family and my family because they take care of me. I have been good this year. Two nice thing that I've done are helping my sister Anna learn and babysit my sister whill mom runs. I hope you have a

Merry Christmas! I'll leave cookies for all of your elvesand the raindeer for all of your Christmas presents Love, Nataliee

Dear Santa, My name is Mya I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Laures home-oom class in 2nd grade. My favorite thing to do at Christmas is look at the lights. For Christmas this year I would liek to have a Go Go Pup because I want to walk it and play with it to. I have been very good this year. Two nice thing I have down are helped my Mom pass food out to my Dad and brother and sisster. and also I said hello to my Elf ever day. I hope you have a vary Christmas! I will leave some cookis for you Santa and my brother and sisster and me will put riandeer food on the ground. Love Mya Moore

Dear Santa, My name is Kendra Williams. I am 8 years old. I am in Mrs Lauras homeroom class in 2nd grade. My favorit thing to do at Christmas is see my family for Christmas. This year I would loke to have my family and friends with me so they can see me open gifts so they can see what I get. I alhve been very good this year. Two nice things I have done are help my sisters pack and they helped me. And I help when people are having a bad day at school by being kinds. I hope you have a very merry Christmas I will leave some cookies and milk for you and maybe raindeer food for the raindeers. Love, Kendra Williams

Dear Santa My is Darius Hughes. I am 7 years old. I am in Mrs. Lauras homeroom class in 2nd grade. My fa-vorite thang to do at Christmas is unrap presints. For Christmas this year I wold like to have A ipod toch and A Alleterir-ick fourwiller because they are very very gun too ride and play with. I have been relly relly beging for one sis I was six. I have been very good this year. Two nise thangs I have done are help peple and play with them. And I play basketball and it is very fun too. I hop you have a very mery Christmas! I will leav some cookys and milk for you. I hope I will Get to see you at the mall. I will make you so many cookies for you on Christ-mas.

Townsend
Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Car for Christmas. Love, Andrew Candelario

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a DS for Christmas. Love, Matthew Ryan

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Foun (phone) for Christ-mas. Love, Kendyl

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would oke a kitchn for Christmas. Love, Dani

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a dirtbike for Christmas. Love Jayson Ford

Dear Santa, I have been goob. I would like a Cat for Christmas. Love, Breanna

Dear Santa, I hoave been good. I would like a bat for Christmas. Love, Kyler

Dear Santa, I have been good. I woulb like a barbe. doll for Christmas. Love, Keleigh

Dear Snta, I have been good. I woud like a Walkie Talkie for Christmas. Love, Caden

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a barbie Christmas Love, Dixie

Dear Santa, I have been good. I woulb like a horse for Christmas. Love Dacoba

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would yike a drt bike for Christmas. Love, Dawson.

Dear Santa, I have been goob. I woulb like a bike for Christmas. Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa I hev been good I would like a dirt bke for Christmas Love Jer-mey

Dear Santa,I have been good. I would like a tree from Chrismas. Love, Braelynn


Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a horse for Christmas. Love, Ethan

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a shotgun for Christmas. Love, Curtis

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Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a dirtbike for Christmas. Love, Dakota Sosh

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a barbie for Chistmous. Love! Sarah

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Barbie for Christmas. Love, Avery

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a noo Doctor Mommy Doll for Christine Love Baylee

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like skutr for christmas. Love, Layla

Young

Dear,Santa, How are your reindeer doing? In my opin I havi been god because when my brother falls I help him. For Christmas I would like to have a Basketball an orange, basketball goo for my door an Elf on the shelf. I hope you are careful on your trip. Love, Travis Blazina

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus doinng I have been good because I do my chores. For Christmas I would like a DSI, a basketballgoal, and a Madden 13 XBOX 360 game. I will lay you out as snickers candy bar, milk and cookies. Love, Jason Millikan

Dear Santa, Is the North Pole cold? I have been a good boy because I finished my writing in my journal. For Christmas I would like a new train tracks a star wars light sabar and leg star wars. Please bring a lot of presents for my family. Love, Adam

Dear Santa, How old is Mrs. Claus? I have been good. I play with my dog. I want three stuff anumlas dogs and cats. your friend, Rose Ivy

Dear Santa, How old are you? In my opinion I am good because I don't what to get spakat that why. Since I've been good will you bring me a phone? thank you from last year. Your Friend Anthony Morain

Dear Santa, Why is it so colldie in the North Pole. How old are you? In my opinion I have bin good because I have shared toys. Can you get me a randerer bell and a phone? Be safe of your trip Santa Claus. Your Friend Casey Cates

Dear Santa, How does Andrew fly? Did Rudolf hlep you pull the sleigh? Did Andrew tell you I'm been good or bad? In my opinion I have been good because I help my Mom and Dad. I want McKnna Doll, Bouncy Puppy and Baby Butterscach. I'm going to leav carrots, cookies and milk for you. Your Friend Carly Travis

Dear Santa, How old are you and Mis. Claus? How old are your reindeer? In my opinon I have been good. I've trid to be good so try to bring me marker-bods, markers and starsticks. An note will be under my tree. Your Friend, Brenna Belt

Dear Santa, How do you mak rander fly? In my opinion I have been good willyou bring me a elf and a laptop a flatscreen TV I love ruduof. Your Friend Ashely Utley

Dear Santa, You are sweet and I love your elfs. In my opinion I help others. Since I've been good, will you bring me DS games. I wish you a merry Christmas. Your Friend Maddie Miniard

Dear Santa, What do your reindeer eat? In my opinion I have been good evun if I fill bad. I still think thatat I am good. For Christmas I want a telescope a micrope and a Robot trantula. I hope that you have a safe trip and I hope you have a happy Christmas. Your Friend, Aria Kirk

Dear Santa, Why didn't are scout elf go home and he didn't move? How are your scout elfs doing? In my opinion I have been good because I follow the rules and help others. Since I've been good will you bring me an ipod, spike, and a new bike? I hope your time off is good. I going to leav cookies and milk. Your Friend Caden DeBoe

Dear Santa, How do you eat all of those cookie. In my opinion I have been trieing to be good by cleniny my room. Since I've been good will you bring me a American Gril, Laptop, and a Barlie caes. Please be carefull on your ed-vencker. I Love you so much Your Friend Kailyn Stokes

Dear Santa, How do you make all thos toys? How is Rudof doing? In my opinion I have been good because I help. Will you bring me a trampoline, a ipad, and a laptop? I wish you a Merry Christmas. Your Friend Ethan Torres,

Dear Santa, Are you haveing a good day today Way dus your ranedir have bell on them I like your elves. I have been good and bad dun some good things and some bad things. I wunt a DSI. and a X dox and a laptop I louve you I hope you like me. Your, Friend Louv Jaxon

Dear Santa, How Many elfs do you have? In my opinion I've been good this year. I've been helping others. Since I've been good will you bring me a new lap-top, iPad and a fortune cookie maker. I think you are the best man ever. I think elfs are cool Your Friend M. Tanner C.

Dear Santa' Sarta Why do your reindeer fly a cross the hole world? In my opinion I have been good because I help my friend. Since I have been good Will you bring me a charm bracelet. Im going to make you cookies and mik Your Friend Riley Smith

Dear Santa, Are the elves really good at making toys? I have been good because I helped my mom clean the house. For Christmas I would like to have an Elf on the Shelf, a DSI, and a Madden 13 playstation 3 game. I will leave cookies and milk on the table for you. Your Friend Jayden Conner

Dear Santa, Is your job hard. In my opinon I have been trying to be good by listaning. May I have a pup? I will leav you milk and cookis. Your Friend, Hunter

Dear Santa, Why do you have to were red and white? In my opinion I have been trying to be good. Since I've been trying to be good I want a three DS. I hope you like the cookies MEREY Christmas Your Friend Keifer Watson

Dear Santa, Does Mrs. Claus com with you? Win you git back to the North Pole what does Mrs. Claus do? In my opinion I have been good because I helped Mrs. Day. I helped others. Since I've been good, will you bring me a ipad, a pet buny and a bell? I hope you like the cookies. I hope you have a safe trip around the world. Feed Rudolf lots of carits. Please bring lots of presents. Your Friend, Karsyn Potter

Dear Santa, How is Chippy? Is it going to snow? Is Mrs Claus fine? How dus your sleigh have magic? In my opinion I have been good because I follow the rules. Will you give me a lighting Mc Quean game for my ds, monter Jam game for my ds, and a goden retriever. Merry Chrstmas Santa. How was your time off? I will be Leaving cookies for you. Brynn P.

Dear Santa, How do your reindeer fly. In mhy opinion I have been bad because I punch my brother but I have been tryrg. Since I I've been tryjins I will you bring me a pet Lizard? Your Friend Wesley Groves

Dear Santa, You are the best. How do you make all of the toys in one night and give then to us when we are aisleep? In my opinion I have been good because I help others. Santa you are the best But Mrs Close is the Best to Can you bring me in ELF on the SHELf Christmas eve Your Friend Desitny Reed

Dear Santa, Hall reineeef fly North Pole. In my opinion I have bin good because I help my mom. Sincce I've bin good, will you bring me a reindeer bell. Be safe on your trip. Your Friend Jesse-nia

Dear Santa, How does your reindeer fly? Are you going to bring gifts? How old are you? How does Ellie and Jisbee fly? In my opinion I have been good because I help my mommy and daddy clean up. I want a McKnna. doll. I want a bell from the reindeer and I want and i pad. I'm going to leave you cookies and

milk and I love you. Your Friend Jaylee Champion

Dear Santa, Do your reindeers really fly? Does Rudolfs nose rily glow? In my opinion I have been good because I have been following the rules. Since I've been good, will you bring some toys a Baby Butterscach, a charm bracelet, and Barbie. I wish you a Merry Christ-mis. On Christmas its Jesus's Birthday. Your Friend, Kaylee Hewitt

Ellis

Dear Santa, How do youget all the toys in the sleigh? I really want a teddy bear. Love, Kayleigh Weathers

Dear Santa, How do you all fit in your small house? I really want a puppy. Love, Carly Porter

Dear Santa, How do you get all the reindeer to fly? I've been good. I want a pirate Wii game. Love, Eli Travis

Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a gun. Love, Landon Woodall

Dear Santa, What does Rudolph eat? I've been good. I want a gun to shoot ducks. Love, Gage Beard

Dear Santa, I have a new baby sister named London. I've been good. I want 2 hot rods. Love, Asa McCord

Dear Santa, How do you make the toys? I really want a toy elf. Love, Hannah Mott

Dear Santa, How to you make the toys? I've been good. I want a baby doll. Love, Aliyah Maraman

Dear Santa, How do you get in a house with no chimney? I want Star Wars pods. Love, Micah Hardin

Dear Santa, How do you fly? I've been pretty good. I want a pink Barbie Doll scooter. Love, Hattie Hatfield

Dear Santa, Thank you for the tractor. How do you fly? I want a tractor with a loader and fork. Love, Jaxon Belt

Dear Santa, How do reindeer fly? I like my scooter las year. I want a Xbox. Love, Justus Coleman

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Barbie house. I want a Barbie this year. Love, AnessiaLanham

Dear Santa, I like when you bring us presents. I would like some Barbie dolls. Love, Aleah McDonald

Dear Santa, How you get from house to house? I would like a Mario game. Love, Rien Tabor

Dear Santa, How does the sleigh fly? I want a V-tac. Love, Hannah Tyrie

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I would like new shoes. Love, Ellary McKinney

Dear Santa, Could you tell Chippey to stop making big messes?I would like a

Gothom City Jail. Love, Carson Yates

Dear Santa, Thank you for the robot this year. I would like another robot. Love, Trace Scott

Dear Santa, How do you get the reindeer to fly? I want goo gack. Love, Logan McDowell

Dear Santa, I want a transformer.Love, Noah Roberts

Roberts

Dear Santa, I've been good. I would like to have a Spider Man mask. I am so thankful for all you do. Love, Levi S.

Dear Santa, I would like Superman. Thank you for my toys. Love, Levi Burris

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like KnDle FiRe. How doe's nose glow? Love, Halle

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a Batman action figure for Christmas. Love, Christian

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like a real Iphone Please bring some thing for Zane. Thank you. Love, Jaylea

Dear Santa, I have been good. I would like an ipod touch Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa, I've been good. I would like a remote control Monster Truck. Love, Josh

Dear Santa, I've been good I would like to have a Spider Man car. I am so thankful for all you do. Love, Seth

Dear Santa, I have deen goob. I moulb like a Spider Man action figure for Christmas. Love, Riley

Dear Santa, Ive been good. I would loke a four wheeler and a dirt bike. Love, Preston

Dear Santa, I've been good I want a Spider Man toy I am so thankful for all you do. Love, Bryan

Der Santa, I've been good I would like a monster truck. Thank you. Love, Kurt Wood

Dear Santa, I've been goob. I woulike a cowboy hat. Are you real or fake? Love, Xavier

Dear Santa, I would like to have a crown. Does Mrs. Claus like to dance? Love, Anastazia

Dear Santa. I've been g I would like to have a babydoll. I am so thankful for all you do. Love, Alli

Dear Santa I've been good I would like to have a four wheeler Thank You Love Hunter

Dear Santa, I've deen very good I would like a new biky. I am thankful for all you do love, kinley.

Dear SAanta, Ive good. I would like tow walkie talkies. tell me something about tthe elves: Love Kole

dear santa Ive been good. I want a bunny rabbit. I love you! Love, Peyton

Dear santa, I've been good. I would like an phone. Love, Jaz

Dear Santa, I've been good. I ould liek a laptop. How do eleves fly? Thank you Love Jayden

Der Santa. I've been good. I would like to have a choo choo train tractor. Thank you! love Jesse

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Dec. 29, Dec. 31 and Jan.1,
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Carolyn, Barbara, Donna, Cindy, Lindsey, Miranda & Ilyana

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Seated from left: Attorney Bart Frazer, Attorney Brandi Rogers, Attorney Roy Massey IV; (standing) Viki Carlson, Kelly Perryman, Shanna Wynn and Jennifer Nelson.

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Students learn skills through new business venture

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Starting a new business can be a challenging experience. It can also prove to be educational and fun. That's what Crittenden County High School students learned after launching Crittenden County Custom Cutters last September. Crittenden County Custom Cutters specializes in a variety of custom-made vinyl products that includes color posters, banners, window decals, bumper stickers and license plates.

The business project is a result of the Crosswalk program and is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center. One of the goals at the Crosswalk Center is to offer entrepreneurial experience to students.

Melissa Shewcraft and Visual Arts teacher Steven Baker are sponsors of the project. Shewcraft credits the students for the hard work they have demonstrated in developing and marketing the business.

"They are fantastic. They

came up with the name and got a logo for the business," Shewcraft said. "The students are learning about different aspects of business including marketing, managing money, taking orders and using receipt books."

To help promote the business, students have set up displays at ballgames and school-sponsored events. They take orders and can print vinyl designs such as license plates, decals and signs at those events.

Jacob Berry, a sophomore enjoys working with different custom-made orders.

"I like learning the different computer programs and then seeing the finished products," he said

Berry has worked on a variety of projects including decals for car windows.

Baker said students are learning new skills by using Adobe Illustrator design software to create custom designs. Equally important, he said the students are learning good business



Above, sophomore Jacob Graham places a vinyl product onto the transfer tape. At right, freshman Elizabeth Price and sophomore Jacob Berry print a custom-made poster. Crittenden County Custom Cutters creates a wide range of products including custom-made color posters, banners and decals. While in its infancy, profits from the sales are reinvested to help buy materials.



come back," Baker said.

For more information on Crittenden County Custom Cutters contact the Crosswalk Learning Center at 965-9833 or email sponsor Melissa Shewcraft at melissa.shewcraft@crittenden.kyschools.us.

A large group of third graders posing for a photo in front of a banner that says "Star Students Teaching for Excellence". They are holding a sign that says "3100".

Third graders raise over \$3,000 for Community Christmas

STAFF REPORT

In keeping with the spirit of the season, third graders at Crittenden County Elementary School raised over \$3,100 for Community Christmas. Third grade teacher Jennifer Bell said the money was raised in

only seven days. Instead of a student gift exchange, students took the \$5 they would have spent on a gift and donated the money to the Community Christmas fund. As part of the fundraiser,

faculty members also sold food to help raise money for Community Christmas. Bell said Girl Scout troops also donated money for the cause. "We are ecstatic. Our original goal was \$2,500. So to get \$3,100, we're over the

moon to be able to raise that amount," Bell said. "We are extremely pleased and proud of all the kids for them opting to do that. Instead of thinking of themselves they are thinking of others. That is what the season is all about."

Marion Baptist Church celebrates Christmas joy

STAFF REPORT

In a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas, The Marion Baptist Church Choir will present Christmas Joy! A Christmas Cantata at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 23 at the Marion Baptist Church.

Youth and Worship min-

ister Jason Dunbar said the choir has been practicing since early August on a compilation of selections from the past few years in which the congregation has enjoyed.

"The world is throwing a lot of things at us and pulls

our attention away from what the true meaning of Christmas is," Dunbar said. "The program emphasizes family of course. But most importantly it emphasizes through the music and narration the story of who Jesus is and the be-

ginning of our opportunity to have salvation through Him. So I'm hoping this will give us the opportunity to reach more people and share the truth of Christmas with them."

Seasons Greetings

A group of five women standing in front of a Christmas tree. They are smiling and dressed in professional attire.

Pictured L to R: Sheila Tabor, Terri Belt, Dr. Adria Porter, Kristi Harris and Sheila Thurmond

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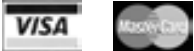
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yard sales

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Auction

On January 12, 2013, property located at 1201 US Highway 60 West and the equipment described below, will be sold by silent bid Auction with no minimum bid. The property includes the real property located at 1201 US Highway 60 West and the following equipment: Buildings on the premises, Air Drying Shed, New Mill Building in Progress, Miller Welder, Waterline, Office Equipment, Machinery and Equipment in Process, Chipper, Morbark Chipper, Vending Machine, Log Splitter, Log Watering System, Diesel 11, Diesel 6, Log Trailer, Farm Machinery and Equipment, Pickup Trucks, John Deere Forklift 480, Case Forklift 9-2-72, Chip Trailer, Trailer 3, Chip Trailer 74 Brown, 1986 Fruehauf Flat Trailer, Windhan W-12 Loader, Cat Loader IT28B, Cat Loader IT28g, Miller Van Trailer, Chip Trailers, 930G Cat Loader, Stack Track, Dust Trailer, 2002 International Unit 1, Walking Floor Trailer, 93 Raven Trailer, and more. All property will be sold as-is with no warranties. All bids are to include the purchase of the real property and all of the equipment described above. All bids will be silent bids and are to be sent to Timothy A. Schenk, 601 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202. All bids must be received in-hand by January 11, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to be considered. Purchaser must show proof of credit by cash or commitment letter from bank. All bids are subject to right of refusal. This is a silent bid auction and all property may be viewed on December 28, 2012 and on January 8, 2012 by appointment by calling (502) 560-6731. (2t-26-c)

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 12-04:
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MAP AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on December 17, 2012 at 6:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on November 19, 2012, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 01-23 such that the property located at 707 South Main Street is amended from R-2 Single Family Through Multi-Family Residential District to C-3 Highway Business District. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the

City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Fredonia farm placed on Trail’s historic registry

STAFF REPORT

Fredonia residents Elbert and Linda Bennett have received notification that part of their family farm has received a place on the National Trail of Tears Record.

Specifically, the Crider Tavern Complex has been added to the Trail’s historic registry as well as other buildings.

Work began in the fall for historic preservation of the site, Bennett said. Signage will be placed in the spring of 2013.

Included in the designation are the Crider-Wyatt Cemetery, Brook Cemetery, Crider corn crib and barn and the former Crider Tavern, which is part of the home belonging to the Bennetts’ daughter, Mollie McGowan, on Old Mexico Road.

Jacob B. Crider moved to Fredonia in 1830 and built the home and barn. He was a well-known businessman and farmer in the area, owning several acres of land and livestock, Bennett said. Jacob Crider and his family are buried in the Crider-Wyatt Cemetery



Pictured are (left to right) Donnie Boone, a neighbor who helped with project; Alice Murphree, Kentucky Chapter president of Trail of Tears; Van West, Director of Center for Historic Preservation; Linda Bennett, owner of Crider Complex; and Amy Kostine, a Trail of Tears project historian.

on the farm owned by the Bennetts.

Crider also built the 19th century corn crib, which remains standing today.

The old tavern was originally a log structure but has now been bricked as part of McGowan’s modern home. It, the cemeteries and corn crib are all part of the complex that has earned its place on the Trail of Tears registry.

School board settles on CCES design

BY JASON TRAVIS
PRESS REPORTER

Crittenden County Board of Education continued last week during a work session to discuss the latest information relating to renovation plans at the elementary school and upgrades at the middle school.

Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough said architects and a contractor have looked at the plans together to give the school district in idea about costs. Dr. Yarbrough said the projections are well below the amount anticipated.

The renovation will include the addi-

tion of classrooms for a growing elementary school population, renovation of the administrative area and improved security for the building.

The school’s architect says the project should stay within the proposed amount of \$1.46 million. That figure would also include the addition of a new fire alarm system and other new expenses recently brought to light.

Dr. Yarbrough told board members after paying for the elementary school renovations, the district’s bonding capacity would be about \$3 million, based on current financial figures discussed at last week’s board working

session. The board has discussed using some of that borrowing power for needed upgrades to the middle school.

Board members approved blueprints for the addition and remodeling at the elementary school.

The board also approved the leasing of a bus from Audubon Area Community Services in the amount of \$1. The lease will run from Dec. 1, 2012 to Nov. 30, 2013. Bus mechanic Wayne Winters said the vehicle being leased is a 1994 automatic model with 70,000 miles on it. The district will use it as a spare vehicle and for trip use.

DAM

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Corps regulations upstream and downstream of locks, dams and power plant facilities. All forms of water access within the restricted areas will be prohibited including boating, swimming and wading.

The Corps continues to allow bank fishing in all areas that were previously approved, including areas adjacent to some restricted areas. The restricted areas will be small areas compared to the entire tailwater below the dams on federal property.

Fishing and boating will still be allowed in non-restricted areas farther away from the dam.

“We understand the tightened restricted areas in the Nashville District may be unpopular, but it is necessary for the district to enforce a more restrictive policy that complies more effectively with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ ER 1130-2-520, Chapter 10,” said Freddie Bell, chief of the Natural Resource Management Branch. “The increased restriction will also provide the highest level of public safety and address physical security issues.”

Since 2009, three fatalities, one serious injury and 10 rescues have occurred in the hazardous waters immediately downstream of dams on the Cumberland River and its adjoining tributaries.

Life jackets have been ineffective in these areas, the Corps said. All of the victims who drowned were wearing a life jacket.

The Corps of Engineers characterizes the hazardous water areas immediately above and below Barkley Dam as an industrial area that poses a high level of risk for the public because of the hydroelectric, spilling, sluicing and lock operations that are often present or begin with little or no warning. Such water releases can change calm waters into a life-threatening situation within seconds that can swamp, capsize and trap boats and people in turbulent waters, the Corps said in its news release.

“We want the public to understand safety is the agency’s highest priority,” said Bell. “The tailwater directly below a dam is a high risk area and fishing in this area is a high risk activity. As we comply with Corps regulations by restricting these areas, we are also keeping the public safe.”

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especially concerned about the number of volunteers willing to help after Christmas when the new semester starts. Volunteers are needed for a couple of hours in the mornings and in some cases all day.

“Whatever time someone can give, it is greatly appreciated,” Newcom said. Call him at 704-5121 or the school at 965-2243 to help.

Dr. Yarbrough was available at CCES early this week in order to respond to questions from parents or teachers.

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sandy Hook Elementary School community impacted by Friday’s tragedy, and the many educators who have been devastated by the loss of their children and colleagues,” Dr. Yarbrough said.

“All indications are that this is an isolated incident very far away from our schools in Crittenden County; however, we want to remain sensitive to our students and parents that may raise questions and concerns about our own safety processes and plans,” she added.

In a letter to teachers and staff, Dr. Yarbrough outlined several steps the school district was planning this week.

She sent a copy of the letter to the newspaper. Here are excerpts from it:

- Flags were flown at half-mast this week in honor of all students and educators whose lives were too soon shortened.
- Counselors were available for Crittenden County elementary school students or staff.
- School and district administrators met Monday afternoon to review all drill schedules, safety procedures and plans and to address any other safety-related concerns.

Dr. Yarbrough also says the American Psychological Association (APA) indicates if children ask questions, talking to them about their worries and concerns is the first step to help them feel safe and begin to cope with the events occurring around them.

“What you talk about and how you say it does depend on their age, but all children need to be able to know you are there for them and listening to them,” she told teachers in the letter delivered to them by email over the weekend.

The school district has in the last few weeks developed plans to improve security at Crittenden Elementary through a series of updates and renovations that will begin in a few months.

As for the Watch Dogs program, Newcom says anyone interested in helping must first undergo a background check, which will be conducted by the school system. Registration forms for participating in the program and the cost-free background check are available at the school.

At the state level, Rep. Richard Henderson of Mount Sterling has announced his intent to form a task force and study group to examine the feasibility of requiring additional safety measures at all public schools in Kentucky.

“In light of the horrific events that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut this past week, it is clear that we need to re-think the safety measures that are currently available for our school children in Kentucky,” Henderson said. “I want to explore the possibility of providing armed school safety officers and/or metal detectors to all of our public schools. I don’t know if this is economically feasible at this point, but I intend to explore all options we may have to protect our kids and hope that appropriate legislation can be implemented as soon as possible. Now is the time to put in measures to prevent that type of tragedy from occurring again.”

Crittenden superintendent addresses shooting issues

Editor’s note: The following is an letter Crittenden County School Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough sent home with students early this week. We are publishing it in order to keep the entire community informed.

Dear Crittenden County Families:

We are deeply troubled and sorrowful to hear of the great tragedy in Connecticut at an elementary school on Friday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sandy Hook Elementary School community that was devastated by the loss of their children and educators.

Our children and staff are our most precious resource and to that end, we take this tragedy as a stark reminder of the importance of our safety procedures and our check-in process for all visitors to our schools. While there is no indication that this is anything but an isolated incident far away from Crittenden County we do want to take this opportunity to remind all of our families that we conduct regular drills, including those for a building lockdown, and that we have secure doors at the main entrance to each school. All visitors to our schools must enter and sign in with the school office. Other exterior doors to the buildings remain locked at all times and only staff can

access those doors.

In addition, today all school and district administrators will meet and review drill schedules, safety processes, procedures and plans, and other safety concerns. We have also made all of our district school counselors available to CCES upon their request. These are some of the procedures that we have in place to help ensure student safety and security.

We know that children may raise questions and concerns about this tragedy. The American Psychological Association (APA) recommends several tips for parents to consider:

Talk with your child

If children ask questions, talking to them about their worries and concerns is the first step to help them feel safe and begin to cope with the events occurring around them. What you talk about and how you say it does depend on their age, but all children need to be able to know you are there and listening to them.

Keep home a safe place

Children, regardless of age, often find home to be a safe haven when the world around them becomes overwhelming. During times of crisis, it is important to remember that your children may come home seeking the safe feeling they have being

there.

Watch for signs of stress, fear or anxiety

After a traumatic event, it is typical for children (and adults) to experience a wide range of emotions including fearfulness, shock, anger, grief and anxiety. Your children’s behaviors may change because of their response to the event. They may experience trouble sleeping, difficulty with concentrating on schoolwork, or changes in appetite. This is normal for everyone and should begin to disappear in a few months.

Take news breaks

Your children may want to keep informed by gathering information about the event from the internet, television, or newspapers. It is important to limit the amount of time spent watching the news because constant exposure may actually heighten their anxiety and fears. Other resources can be found at www.kysafeschools.org

Giving your child back a sense of routine is a critical part of “getting back” to normal. We are prepared to assist your child if they have questions. If you have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to contact the school principal. Please know we have a school counselor at each school that can assist par-

ents in talking with their children or answering questions.

We will continue to keep you informed on our website at www.crittenden.kyschools.us of other resources for families. Our students and your children are our most precious resource and their safety is our priority and we will continue to be ever diligent in that effort.

Dr. Rachel Yarbrough,
Superintendent

Christmas

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